



**Minutes of the meeting of Young Leaders Working Group
Wed 1 September 2021 on Line TEAMS**

Meeting began 6:00 pm.

Present

Staff	Youth Members
Charlie Coorey	Lisa Huynh (left at 7:30pm)
Natalie Sousa	Josh Legdin
Naomi Bower	Andrew Pham
	Eleanor Lofts
	Antoinette El Alam (left 7:15pm)
	Aurora Laing

Apologies: Kim Pham Daniel Pham, Petal Gill, Georgia Foo, Matt Balane (IWC)

Disclosure of interest

There were no disclosures or conflicts of interest.

Previous minutes

The minutes of the 13 February 2020 were accepted by consensus.

Discussion items

Item	Summary	Recommendation/action	Action response
<p>1. Acknowledgement of Country</p>	<p>Charlie Acknowledged Country and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He highlighted that this is the first meeting or gathering of the Young Leaders since the lockdown has taken place. This is also his first meeting being held on the TEAMS platform of Council.</p> <p>Everybody present introduced themselves</p>		
<p>2. Introductions, welcome and preamble by Charlie</p>	<p>Charlie agreed to chair this first TEAMS meeting as members had not since April 2021</p> <p>Charlie also provided an update since the group met last met.</p>		
<p>3. Confirmation of previous informal meeting</p>	<p>3.1 The previous gathering on 28 April 2021 was mainly centred around a conversation about Inner west Youth issues of concern and Aspirations. This was facilitated by Tom McDonald, former Director of the Marrickville Youth Resource Centre.</p> <p>3.2 Update about memberships and further recruitment – there has been another</p>	<p>This was deferred to discussion in General Business.</p>	<p>Charlie also agreed to follow</p>

	<p>young person who has emailed interest to join. Charlie has responded and awaiting follow up</p> <p>3.3 Future Training and Workshop opportunities – Youth mental health First Aid – Natalie has reported back that she was following up with the training provider about an online training option and was awaiting confirmation and possible future dates.</p>	<p>Natalie to continue following up about future workshops</p>	<p>up about any casual recruitment for vacancies.</p> <p>When dates are confirmed members will be able to register</p>
<p>4. Correspondence:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notices of IWC Young Leaders meeting agenda and notice; • Wear It Purple invitation by Multicultural Youth Affairs network (NSW); • Youth Action Young peoples' Survey; • Invitation for feedback about IWC Cultural Strategy (referred to general Business); • EOI for Mental Health Youth First Aid information and possible dates; 	<p>For information and consideration</p>	<p>Members were notified and were invited to respond if interested</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headspace Camperdown and All Together Now -Agent C flyer and participation in co-design project tackling Fake news, Conspiracy Theory, Far Right Extremism. 		
<p>5. GENERAL BUSINESS</p> <p>5.1 Guest presentation by Naomi Bower = IWC Draft Cultural Strategy</p>	<p>Guest presentation by Naomi Bower = IWC Draft Cultural Strategy</p> <p>The Young Leaders Working Group discussed the strategy and questions were led by Naomi about the current Cultural Strategy which is on public exhibition for feedback from the community.</p> <p>Following are the key points raised by members and ideas shared as a contribution to the IWC draft Cultural Strategy:</p> <p>Seeing the arts as a valid career choice and building pathways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Showing young people there's a valid career option in the arts (before they leave school). Ideas include motivational speakers at schools, showing pathways to careers, eg. opportunities in Council programs and grants, professional skills training etc - Opportunities to sell their products or be exposed to the public. Eg. Subsidised market stalls. Markets seen as a place where young people gather (eg. Addison Rd, Newtown) - Many opportunities that exist (eg. market stall) cost money young people don't have <p>More youth content in Council arts and events programs</p>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Content in Council festivals and arts programs isn't youth relevant. If more young people were performing and showcasing, other young people would come along as audience members - Successful examples include the Museums at night program - Young people do have an interest in Festival/ market style gatherings (eg. Carnival of Cultures, Addi markets etc) <p>Youth specific communication channels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Young people often hear with Word of Mouth, but also specific communications channels (not Council necessary). Example of former Ashfield Council youth facebook page. - Get people in the loop by incentivising, eg. prize for liking page <p>FURTHER IDEAS FOR NAOMI TO FOLLOW UP</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Living Arts and Events program youth content. Ideas to get relevant programming could be through Schools call out (like The Break stage), or maybe a "Youth Talent Scout" (paid) helps identify upcoming artists and bands etc to perform in our Programs. Nat and Charlie could help with Childsafe practices, payment etc b. Broader conversation needed about Council's hardline on no breakoff marketing channels for arts or young people c. Can we offer a trial program where artists give motivational career talks at schools (like sports stars) in High School? d. Can we have special grants or mentorships for young people? Can we identify a couple of grants per year that are people under 18 and the grants come in the form of staff time and expenses to help them mount something as part of EDGE or Inner West Fest? (This is a similar model identified for Culturally Diverse groups) 	
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<p>5.2 Impact of the current Covid lockdown on lives of young people living in the Inner West</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All present shared their thoughts and experiences about the impact of covid on theirs and their peers lives. • All are either working on line; • Many are studying on line, • 2 are going in to work a couple of days, • one member is attending her Social Work placement while adhering to Health orders, • a couple have lost work though some of their peers are doing more work due to “Click and Collect’ option at their work spaces. • All are maintaining connections with their friends on line 	<p>Information noted</p>	
<p>5.3 Feedback about the previous ‘Conversation with Tom McDonald’ from Marrickville Youth Resource Centre</p>	<p>Charlie has summarised the previous conversation and apologised that he has not yet sent this out. He has agreed to send this out to all who participated for any feedback.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The summary of the discussion is to be circulated to all members of the IWC YLWG for feedback; 2. Further input is being sought from members who were not available to attend the discussion. 	<p>Charlie will collate and table the summary for discussion at the next meeting 5th October</p>

<p>5.4 Youth Week 2022 Update from Natalie Sousa – Youth Development Officer at Inner West Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natalie provided an update about what she plans to do as she begins planning for the Youth Week program for 2022. • Youth Week 2022 will be celebrated from 14th to the 24th April 2022; • Natalie invited members to get involved and assist with planning and delivery of activities and events. If any members wish to organise, co-organise and would like to be part of a Youth Week planning group, please let Natalie or Charlie know. There will also be training opportunities. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further updates will be provided to members. • Members who would like to join the working group for Youth Week are to let Natalie or Charlie know before the next meeting in October 2022 	
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Meeting finished at 8pm.

Next meeting Wed 6 October 2021; 10 November 2021