

Minutes of Young Leaders Reference Group Meeting**24 April 2017****Inner West Council – Petersham Service Centre**

The meeting commenced at 6:30pm

Attendance (Members)

1. Aiden Macreadie
2. Alexander Macdonald
3. Annika Broadbent
4. Antoinette El-Alam
5. Georgia Cooper
6. Katherine Guan
7. Leslie Verrell (Co-chairperson)
8. Lewis Verrell
9. Matthew Meharg (Co-chairperson)
10. Taliesin Heyman-Griffiths
11. Yvette Quinn

Attendance (Other Attendees)

12. Joe Banno, Inner West Council
13. Josie Leeson, Inner West Council (Minute Taker)

Apologies

1. Alan Huynh
2. Eleanor Lofts
3. Lisa Huynh
4. Yatha Jain

1. Welcome

Leslie Verrell welcomed all Reference Group members and staff to the Young Leaders Reference Group meeting.

2. Acknowledgement of Country

Matthew Meharg performed an Acknowledgement of Country in his capacity as meeting co-chairperson.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Matthew Meharg disclosed that he is in the process of becoming an endorsed candidate for the upcoming Inner West Council local government election.

4. Status of Recommendations from Previous Reference Group Meetings**RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/06)**

1. That the information regarding the status of recommendations from the previous meeting of the Young Leaders Reference Group be received and noted by the Young Leaders Reference Group.

2. That Youth Week events take place during school holidays and in a range of suburbs throughout the Inner West Local Government Area.
3. That feedback from the Young Leaders Reference Group regarding Youth Week is provided to Council officers responsible for Youth Week and to Family and Community Services.

Other Points:

The Young Leaders Reference Group Terms of Reference were finalised at the previous Reference Group meeting. Further to the meeting principles outlined in section four of the Terms of Reference, the Young Leaders Reference Group agreed to the following meeting ground rules:

- Arrive on time for meetings (advise Group Facilitator if you will be late)
- Mobile phones are to be on silent during meetings
- Keep to time and the agenda
- Allow / encourage everyone to express their ideas and opinions and get involved
- Listen to each other
- Acknowledge and validate everyone's ideas and opinions
- Respect and value everyone's ideas and opinions
- Be action focussed

5. Community Strategic Plan**RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/07)**

1. That the Young Leaders Reference Group note the process for development of the Community Strategic Plan.
2. That the Young Leaders Reference Group participates in the development of the Community Strategic Plan at tonight's meeting by engaging in a high level conversation using the Community Strategic Plan discussion questions template.
3. That a working group meeting of the Young Leaders Reference Group be scheduled in May (on a Wednesday) to discuss the discussion questions associated with each of the issues / priorities in the Community Strategic Plan Issues Paper. The issues / priorities will be grouped together as follows for this working group meeting:

Planning and Development / Transport
Social Vitality, Creativity and Quality of Life / Sustainability and the Environment
Local Business and Industry / Civic Leadership

6. Other Business – Inner West Council Youth Services Update**6.1. Spark Youth Theatre – The Dub Project**

Spark Youth Theatre (formerly Ashfield Youth Theatre) is Council's theatre program for young people aged 12 – 24 years.

The Dub Project is the latest initiative of Spark Youth Theatre and will see young and old(er) people come together to choose their favourite scenes from films and TV, learn the voices and sound FX, and then dub them live in front of an audience.

Performances will take place at Ashfield Civic Centre in June. Contact Spark Youth Theatre on 9716 1846 for further information and to get involved.

6.2 Youth Food Movement - Cook Luck Club

Council is a founding partner of the Youth Food Movement's Cook Luck Club, a campaign to engage young people (over 18 years) to avoid food waste.

The Cook Luck Club encourages young people to catch up with mates through cooking together, using ingredients found in their friend's fridges.

The campaign encourages young people to host dinners at their homes and to talk/cook with their friends chatting about food preparation and techniques for avoiding food waste.

Visit www.cookluckclub.com to sign up and for further information and inspiration.

6.3 Make It Happen NSW Youth Council Conference 2017

Make It Happen is the 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference. The Conference will take place in Ryde (Macquarie University) from 22 – 24 September 2017.

Reference Group members interested in attending need to advise Joe Banno before 1 May 2017. Further information is available at www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/makeithappen

7. Other Business – Nomination of Chairperson for Next Meeting (26 June 2017)

RECOMMENDATION (YLRG – 17/08)

1. That Yvette Quinn chair the Young Leaders Reference Group meeting on 26 June 2017.

The meeting concluded at 8:32pm