

Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Youth Affairs Council of Western Australia



Our Vision

A society where all young people feel valued and are supported to develop, thrive and reach their greatest potential.

Our Purpose

To safeguard the rights of young people, especially those most marginalised, and to strengthen the youth sector that supports them.

Our Value Base

- Young people - their voices and contribution
- The knowledge of our members and our history
- Human Rights
- Challenging the status quo
- Relationships and collaboration
- The diversity of Western Australia

Our Four Pillars

1 WE SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE HEARD

2 WE SUPPORT SERVICES TO BE EFFECTIVE

3 WE GENERATE INNOVATIVE POLICY AND SOLUTIONS

4 WE CREATE ACTION THROUGH ADVOCACY

Our Objectives

Young people are empowered and have opportunities to participate in the design and development of public policy and services to ensure they are adequate to address their needs.

The workforce that supports young people has the resources, skills and networks, necessary to respond to the needs of young people at the right time and in the right way.

Policy makers and community leaders understand and adequately respond to the experiences, ideas and needs of young people.

Decision makers and the community are well informed, capable and confident to respond to the needs of young people.

Our Work

We develop the skills and confidence of young people to be leaders in the community

We promote the positive contributions young people make to the community

We provide platforms for young people to engage with government and the community and have their opinions and ideas heard

We support the youth sector to be competent and confident in delivering evidence-based and high-quality support to young people

We foster and facilitate relationships between organisations in the youth sector and in the broader community

We ensure that organisations are kept informed of recent trends and developments in best-practice approaches to supporting young people

We provide member informed, evidence-based responses to all levels of government policy and debate

We develop ground-breaking ideas and solutions, based on the needs and experiences of young people and the youth sector

We amplify the voice of young people

We influence public policy decisions by maintaining effective relationships across all levels of government

We ensure young people and the youth sector are kept informed of legislation, policy and political issues affecting them

We educate the community about issues impacting on young people to counter negative stereotypes and foster positive dialogue

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Our Foundation

We are founded on our members

We are founded on, and act on behalf of, our members.

We ensure our members are diverse and representative of the youth sector and of the diversity of young people across WA.

We engage our members in ways that allow them to be a part of the impact we make.

We are strategic and transparent

We have effective governance structures in place including a diverse and capable Board with representatives from the youth sector and young people.

We are transparent in all aspects of governance and financial management and provide our members and the community with clear and concise information.

We are a trusted organisation with a great reputation

We maintain strong relationships with young people, the youth sector, government and the community.

We are a preferred provider to government on youth affairs.

We are a great place to work

A job at YACWA is more than a job; it provides a sense of purpose, fulfils our passions and provides the motivation needed to achieve results.

We are committed to building the skills of our employees, volunteers and interns.

We produce results as a team. We make it easy to get things done. We enjoy what we do.