Wyndham Workers  
with Young People Network

Minutes

**Thursday 10 June 2021 - 9.30am-11.00am**

Welcome and Introductions  
Elise Staron, Senior Youth Support Officer – Wyndham City Council Youth Services

**Acknowledgement of the Kulin Nation**“I wish to acknowledge the peoples of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are gathered and pay respect to their elders, past and present. I also wish to pay respect to any Elders from other communities and acknowledge any future young leaders who are here”

Presentation – Young Leaders of the West – IPC Health

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**What is the Young Leaders of the West program?**

Young Leaders of the West (YLOTW) brings motivated young people together with health and community organisations to influence behaviour change in their peer communities around the prevention of gambling harm.

**Who are the Young Leaders?**

Our YLOTW are volunteer ambassadors aged between 18 and 25 years who want to make real life societal change to the communities and people around them. They enjoy communicating, have big ideas, know how to be a team player, are open to a range of different opinions, and love to learn.

**Why do we need Young Leaders?**

We know that for some groups of young people, gambling harm is an increasing problem. Our YLOTW are best placed to talk to other young people in ways that will help them better understand the dangers of gambling harm and show that they are not alone.

**How does the Young Leaders of the West program make a difference?**

Our YLOTW co-create and deliver innovative events and workshops to their peers to help build awareness, reduce stigma and effect attitude change towards gambling harm.

**What’s in it for me?**

The YLOTW program will look great on your resume! We’ll help you to build real world skills in program creation, project management, event planning, workshop delivery, community health and more. You’ll be tacking a growing social issue and you’ll be compensated for your time with a gift voucher. We’ll also feed you!

**How do I get involved?**

It’s easy; tell us a bit about yourself by [answering some questions](http://careers.ipchealth.com.au/job-details/query/8092478/) and we’ll be in touch. You’ll need to be able to commit about four hours per month and have access to email and the Microsoft suite.

**Who else is involved?**

The YLOTW program is funded through [Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation](https://responsiblegambling.vic.gov.au/) and led by IPC Health (that’s us!) in partnership with a host of community organisations, sporting groups, health and mental health organisations, councils, and universities.

Presentation – Dreambuilders centre4change

Sam and Matt – stepup4youth

Ph:9369 6873 <https://www.centre4change.org/>

Dreambuilders centre4change (formerly Dreambuilders Transformations) offers 3

behaviour change and recovery programs for people whose lives have become

unmanageable and are desiring a new beginning.

**Transformations**

Our residential program for men, specifically focused on recovery from any addiction, but

primarily focussed on alcohol and other drugs, has been operating for over six years. This is

a full time live in program located in Hoppers Crossing in Melbourne’s West.

**Change4life**

An online program for women whose lives are out of control due to family violence,

addiction or social and environmental factors. This program was born out of CovidT19

restrictions but has now been proven and will continue online.

**stepup4youth**

Scheduled to begin during 2021, this day program is designed for youth who are struggling

with any life issues and are wanting a fresh start.

Dreambuilders centre4change is a not-for-profit Christian organisation, operating without

government funding, headquartered in Hoppers Crossing, in Melbourne’s West. We

partner with Dreambuilders church to change lives and transform communities.

For referrals please call 9369 6873.



Information Sharing:

**Wyndham City Youth Services – Careers – Youth Development Officers – 3 positions**

I am pleased to let you know that we are recruiting for 3 Youth Development Officers!

You will join our amazing team of youth development officers to collaborate and engage with the growing population of younger communities. You will be running, developing and improving lots of exciting programs to engage and develop and empower the younger community.

<https://recruitment.wyndham.vic.gov.au/careers/jobs/youth-development-officer-x3-313>

<https://www.seek.com.au/job/52773470?type=standout#searchRequestToken=f8b4e039-68ff-460d-8c19-3c96888d97e0>

<https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/2618798374/?capColoOverride=true>

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Note: This date has passed but contact for future dates:

Free Interactive Zoom talk tonight focused on inspiring CALD Youth:

Being Brown & Braking the Mould w/ Dr Sherry Salter (General & Transplant Surgeon) 6:30pm – 7:30pm <https://fb.me/e/2kHKG4acX> Other Login4Lockdown 2.0 Sessions today: <https://fb.me/e/DKMK0NzO>

**Name:** Natasha Quinn  
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The Street Surfer Bus is now available for booking by schools and community groups vis our online booking calendar. Visit: <https://youthwyndham.com/ssb>

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Homework Support Program for young people- FREE TUTORING (smile) Join a free online tutoring program every Wednesday. If you know of any young person that need support with their homework please contact me.

For the new CREATE Program <https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/whats-on/homework-support>

Information Sharing Continued:

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I'm the Breakthrough Mentoring Coordinator in the west and we are rolling out a new program, Breakthrough mentoring. Breakthrough Mentoring assists young people who are experiencing barriers to employment such as homelessness, youth justice or out of home care to gain and maintain meaningful employment. Providing opportunities to increase networks and increase social capital, young people (16-24) are matched with a local community-based volunteer mentor who supports them across 18 weeks working on goal setting, strengths and values, career guidance, and exploration of local training and employment opportunities. Mentors are provided specific training to ensure they practice trauma-informed support and can engage and deliver on employment pathway focused goals. We are always on the lookout for more mentors to assist our young people, so if you are interested please get in touch!

<https://www.whitelion.asn.au/breakthrough-mentoring>

**Name:** Rikki Green

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Programs Better Place Australia (BPA) offer is individual counselling for children and young people experiencing family and relationship issues.

* Supporting Children After Separation - Seeing children between 5-18 who have experienced a form of separation in their family, including parental separation, estrangement and grief.
* Family and Relationship Counselling - Seeing children and young people from ages 10+ who are experiencing problems with their relationships. BPA services in Wyndham Vale are still predominately online.

Please see link for more info. <https://www.betterplaceaustralia.com.au/better-place-for-kids/>

If you have any questions please feel free to email me, I can try to answer any questions and forward the referral form.

**Name:** Ursula Cliff  
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We help to set up and support homework clubs and learning support programs across Victoria, so please reach out if you have a club that needs support or are interested in starting a club in the Wyndham area.

Check out more about our program here (<https://www.cmy.net.au/organisations-businesses/education/support-for-oshlsp/>), or send me an email.

Information Sharing Continued:

**Name:** Jeremy Borella

**Agency & Position:** MCM Youth Foyers Program

I just wanted to Share some exciting News with Everyone   Our new Youth Foyers Building is opening and moving Young People in Early August which is very exciting!

Below are some details regarding the Accommodation and Referral Process:

* The Youth Foyer provides Up to 3 years accommodation and case management for low to medium needs, Aged 16-22 years inclusive.
* Currently engaged in an Education, Employment & Training pathway or have a strong desire to engage in Education, Employment & Training.
* Must be willing to engage with case worker and broader program. Including living skills and other group activities.
* All referrals must come via an IAP from an access point.

**Name:** Vicki Walsh

**Agency & Position:** Uniting

**Ph:** 0403 090 763

Uniting is one of the Jobs Victoria Partners, with Job Advocates working across Western Melbourne. Job Victoria Advocates support people who are looking for work by connecting them to information, advice, and the right services.

They meet with people in community spaces such as local community services, libraries, sports clubs and shopping centres to make sure everyone knows about resources available to help them find a job.

Job Advocates can connect your clients with skills and training providers, TAFE Skills and Job Centres, Employment Services, apprenticeships and more.

If you would like to connect with a Job Advocate or find out how we can support your clients, please get in touch on 1300 090 989

Uniting's NDIS School Leaver Employment Support is currently delivering Information Sessions for students who are transitioning from school this year.

We support participants to transition from school to employment building their skills and confidence for work through training, work experience, help to get their learners permit and to achieve their goals.

Info Sessions and Taster days are available during the coming School Holidays for our Wyndham groups. Contact: 1300 090 989 or Vicki 0403 090 763

<https://www.unitingvictas.org.au/services/employment-services/school-leaver-employment-support-sles/>

If you're completing your last year of school and thinking about your future, we're here for you.

[www.unitingvictas.org.au](http://www.unitingvictas.org.au)

Information Sharing Continued:

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To add onto Vicki's post above about the Uniting Jobs Victoria Advocates. Please contact us if you would like to connect and discuss the program and services further.

**Name:** Jackie Cassar

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We work with youth from ages 15-24 and assist young people into employment and training. Reach out if you would like more information please contact me.

**Name:** Noushin Barghi Jahromi (pronunciation: n uu sh ee n)  
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I am one of the 112 Jobs Victoria Advocate across Victoria. Jobs Victoria Advocates are a component of the Victorian Government’s record investment in employment support. The aim of the program is to assist all Victorians to prepare for and secure employment through the provision of information, referral and connection to available resources and supports and complement other Jobs Victoria initiatives.

Wyndham City has secured funding for two advocates and work in partnership with The Huddle. With one advocate at Wyndham City and one at The Huddle, Wyndham residents of any age and background can access a one on one catch up with the advocates to navigate information and referrals  in places they are connected to, and in spaces that are welcoming and accessible. In the coming weeks Wyndham City and The Huddle will share more on how local community members looking for work can connect with our local Jobs Victoria Advocates.

Reach out to me anytime to chat about this new initiative. Also here is the link to the latest Employment Pathways eNewsletter. Appreciate your superpower of broadcasting in advance.

<https://ecommunications.wyndham.vic.gov.au/t/ViewEmail/d/40092A1086711F522540EF23F30FEDED>

**Name:** James Lawther

**Agency & Position:** Sparkways Mentoring

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We provide a mentoring service to young people aged 7-20 who are currently or previously known to Child Protection. If you work with such young people and would like to be notified of mentoring opportunities for them in Wyndham and surrounding LGAs, please email me. If you or anyone you know would like to volunteer, more details can be found the website <https://sparkways.org.au/mentoring>.

Information Sharing Continued:

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I work at Children and Parenting Support Service (CaPSS). CaPSS is an early intervention service that aims at strengthening families and improved outcomes for their children by supporting parents and carers in their caregiving role.

We work with families across Melton, Melton south and West, Wyndham Vale, Werribee, Laverton and Hoppers Crossing North and South. As well as 1:1 support we provide various parent trainings and numerous workshops for parents. Feel free to contact me for more information.

**Name:** Emily

**Agency & Position:** Headspace Werribee

**Ph:** 8001 2366

Just letting you all know about our Parents and Carers webinar on 24 June - all about info for parents and carers about mental health and supporting young people post-COVID.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/werribee-covid-19-parent-and-carer-webinar-supporting-young-people-registration-133809031415>

Next term we will be running the following social groups:

* Mondays: UR Space – an ACT based group in Term 3 for young people aged 16 – 25 years for 6 weeks from the 2/8/21 - 6/9/21 from 3.30 – 5pm.
* Tuesdays: ArtMob - a First Nations art group focused on peer connection and support, for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander young people aged 12-25.
* Wednesdays: Meet Up - a drop in social group, sometimes running as drop in and sometimes doing community activities, aged 15-25.
* Thursdays: ninjaART - an art group focused on peer connection and support for young people aged 12-25

For all of our groups, give us a call on 8001 2366!

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Covering Wyndham and Hobsons Bay Schools. We target grades 5 - 12 students who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging from school. We fully fund organisations to come into a school to work with small groups of students and or fund teacher capacity building.

Information Sharing Continued:

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REDi - employment support program for those in contact with the justice system

Youth Justice Advisory Group - lived experience group of young people in contact with the justice system (peer support, help inform programs and policies, and also to have fun!)

We also have slots for those with lived experience of the justice system to join next week's Youth Homelessness Conference (there's a specific session on targeted responses for specific groups and they will also have media training). Please reach out if you have any questions.

**Name:** Girma Seid

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Our program provides case management support to newly arrived young people.

Newsletter

To submit your information for sharing with the Network please complete the   
[ONLINE FORM](http://youthwyndham.com/network_news)

To subscribe to the Network: [SUBSCRIBE HERE](http://youthwyndham.com/wyndham_network_subscribe)

To request to present at a meeting email: [WyndhamYouthNetwork@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:WyndhamYouthNetwork@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

For previous Network Minutes and meeting dates visit:[Wyndham Workers with Young People Network Website](https://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/services/youth-services/networks-committees/wyndham-workers-network)

Any enquires regarding the Youth Resource Centre or Wyndham City Youth Services please contact reception on 8734 1355 or email: [youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au](mailto:youthinwyndham@wyndham.vic.gov.au)

Join the next meeting:

To join this meeting – click on the link at the scheduled meeting time:

[Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTg3ZDQ0ODQtZjI4NC00MTg4LTljNjEtMTg0MWJjOTAyMzA5%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22ccedce2e-ab9f-4e51-bb3d-3c6e2171f03e%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225a7ed78f-96ad-4383-82d1-e0946c3ead70%22%7d)

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2021 Meeting Dates

Thursdays – 9:30am – 11am via MS Teams – until further notice

22 July

2 September

14 October

25 November