

what is youth work?

Sector Consultations

What does Youth Work mean in Murri communities today? Is it unique? What are the values we all share? Are there resources and skills all youth workers need to know?

Continuing the work of our workforce development project, YANQ is now consulting to see if the sector can arrive at a commonly held definition of what actually is 'Youth Work'.

Murri people have been doing youth work for thousands of years without calling it "youth work". Sometimes we've called it "growing kids up the proper way". Sometimes we've called it "putting them through Law". And sometimes we've just called it the normal process of life – caring for, teaching, and nurturing young people as an unremarkable part of our day to day Murri existence. Of course, things are different in the modern world for most Murri people. Lots of our families have been dispossessed, broken apart, or damaged, put on missions and sometimes partly assimilated into white society through Stolen Generations policies. We grow kids up differently these days, although some things never change....

Which Wei: Values in Youth Work: A Murri Perspective (2010)

Your Facilitator - Liz Archer

Liz has worked with NGO youth and community services organisations since 1984 including in SA, Qld and. This has included developing and offering accredited and non-accredited youth worker training (including the first entry level training customised for Aboriginal people from remote communities in Central Australia) as well as direct service delivery, agency management and policy development. She's lived in Alice Springs since 1999 working mainly with Aboriginal organisations, set up her own consultancy business for community groups last year and remains passionate about supporting community controlled, participatory services and supports based on social justice principles and values.



YANQ Murri management committee Steve Fisher will also be in attendance at the sessions.

Interested in having YOUR say in shaping

ongoing directions and priorities of the

Queensland Youth Sector?

Brisbane

Monday 12th March

9.00am - 12.30pm

Rockhampton

Tuesday 13th March

9.00am - 12.30pm

Townsville

Wednesday

14th March

9.30am - 1.00pm

Mount Isa

Thursday 15th March

9.00am - 12.30pm

Venues to be confirmed

Preparation

It is highly recommended that you read and think through the two discussion papers on "What is Youth Work" before coming along, or that you think about how you'd define Youth Work, what it involves and what might make it different to other occupational groups who may work with young people (e.g. recreation workers and social workers...)

There are discussion papers on the YANQ website including *What is Youth Work?* (Quixley, 2010) and *Which Wei? Values in Youth Work: A Murri Perspective* (Lucashenko, 2010), along with a report outlining the findings of the Workforce Development Project so far

RSVP

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