

2022–23 Victorian Budget

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Fairness
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Providing young people with access to the opportunities they need to achieve their goals

The Youth portfolio:

- › Gives young people a platform to inform government policy and the delivery of programs and services
- › Supports young people to actively participate in the social, economic and civic life of our state
- › Delivers initiatives that engage young people in their local communities, connect them to their peers and build their skills



Building on our achievements in 2021-22



Expanded the Engage! and FReeZA programs by providing funding to almost **200** organisations which will give almost **200,000** young people opportunities to build their practical skills, work on community projects, increase their economic participation and deliver community events.



Six Community Support Groups supported at-risk young people, their families and communities through **6,630** case management plans including referrals to community services and other supports.



Eight Scout Hall upgrades completed as part of the Government's \$5.5 million commitment for Scouting infrastructure, with Scouts Victoria and Girl Guides Victoria supporting over **21,200** young people to participate in programs in 2021.



The Living Learning Partnership Addressing Disadvantage supported its first cohort of **48** young people aged 15 – 21 with a mental health condition to re-engage in education.



Investment through the 2022-23 Victorian Budget

Youth portfolio initiatives announced in the 2022-23 State Budget include:

- › **\$1.8 million** to continue early intervention supports for vulnerable young people and improve young people's access to Scouts and Girl Guides.
- › **\$0.6 million** to support the youth sector to strengthen Aboriginal young people's right to self-determination.



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