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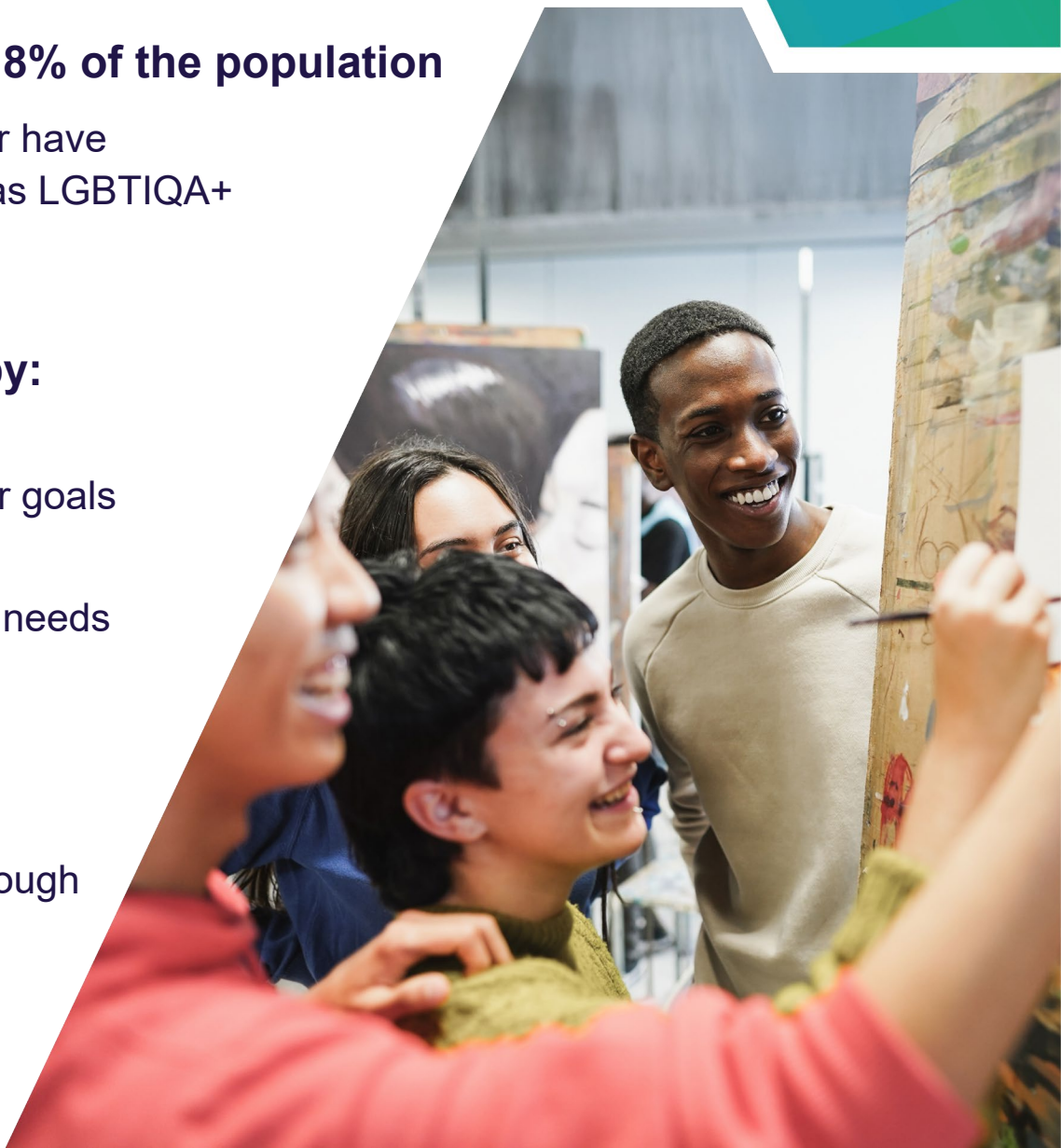
Portfolio overview

Victoria's 1,259,000 young people aged 12-25 make up 18% of the population

- › 21% live in remote or regional areas, 48% were born overseas or have a parent born overseas, 12% have a disability and 21% identify as LGBTIQ+

The Youth portfolio provides meaningful opportunities for Victoria's young people to reach their full potential by:

- › supporting young people, including First Nations, regional and multicultural young people, to lead healthy lives and achieve their goals
- › increasing young people's involvement in their communities, including through programs and activities designed to meet their needs
- › listening to young people on the issues that matter most to them, including through the Victorian Youth Congress
- › supporting engagement of young adults
- › driving better outcomes for young people across government through *Our promise, Your future: Victoria's youth strategy 2022-2027*



Key achievements over the past 12 months

Over the past 12 months, the Youth portfolio has:

- › Supported youth participation and engagement, engaging more than **135,000** young people each year through statewide programs, including:
 - › Amplify: **61** organisations, supporting **410+** events
 - › Engage!: **73** organisations, supporting over 60,000 young people
 - › Future Ready: **47** grants, supporting **5,800** students
 - › Victorian Youth Fest: **110** youth-led events for over **15,000** young people
- › Completed **2** more Scout halls – bringing the total number of completed Scout hall projects to **28** since 2018
- › Continued Victorian Youth Parliament, which is celebrating its 40th year
- › Driven implementation of *Our promise, your future: Victoria's youth strategy 2022–2027*, including hosting a Youth Strategy Forum in September 2025 at Parliament bringing together young people and youth sector representatives.



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Over the past 12 months, the Youth portfolio has:

- › Partnered with communities to deliver tailored supports for young people facing disadvantage and marginalisation:
 - » 6 Community Support Groups providing individual and tailored support to more than **2,500** multicultural young people and their families
 - » Youth Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) outreach support providing over **200** individualised episodes of care
 - » Partnership with the Koorie Youth Council and delivery of the Marram Nganyin Aboriginal Youth Mentoring Program
 - » The Living Learning program supporting **72** young people to re-engage with education and employment through tailored mental health and other wraparound supports
 - » Targeted supports for more than **1,000** Pasifika young people through the Le Mana Pasifika Project
 - » The Regional Presence Project which promotes engagement in regional communities and connects young people to services.



Continuing to support Victorian young people

The Victorian Government continues delivering upon our commitment to improve outcomes for Victorian young people:

- › **\$5.3 million** over 2 years for Community Support Groups to deliver a new youth employment program and expand delivery of sports and recreation activities, in consultation with the Violence Reduction Unit.
 - » The new youth employment program will strengthen employment pathways for **350** multicultural young people by making employment services more accessible and increasing the cultural competency of employers.
- › A one-off boost of **\$750,000** is supporting 3 South Sudanese Community Support Groups in the west and south-east of Melbourne to help meet demand for support from families and young people in these communities.
- › These investments – and others through the portfolio – are supporting young adults to navigate the pressures and transition into early adulthood.



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