

Youth Affairs

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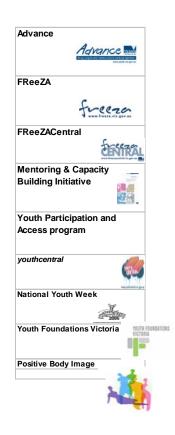
Snapshot of Young People in Victoria

- Young people aged between 12 and 25 comprise 19 per cent of Victoria's population.
- There is significant diversity among Victoria's young people.
- 74% of young Victorians were living in the Melbourne metropolitan area in 2002.
- 83% of young people born overseas were from countries where English is not the first language.
- Young people today are a technological generation, with technology enabling them to communicate, network and learn in new ways.
- During 2005-6, more than 625,000 young Victorians (15-24 years) participated in exercise, recreation and sport a participation rate of more than 91%.



The Youth Affairs Portfolio in Government

Programs



and Policy





The Youth Affairs Portfolio in Government

Why?

- Listen and understand young people
- Lead Policy across Government and, the community
- Co-ordinate activity

How?

- Consultation
- Advocacy and Advice from YACVic and CMYI
- Regional Youth Affairs Networks provide a local perspective
- Inter-Departmental Committee for Youth
- DVC Local teams focus on place and diversity



Voice of Young People

- Youth Consultation Forums at Community Cabinet
- Victorian Youth Advisory Indigenous Network (VIYAC)
- Regional Youth Affairs Networks
- National Youth Week
- Young People Direct



A Focus on Outcomes for Young People

- Contributing and making a difference
- Achieving potential through informed life choices
- Having resources and making connections
- Managing healthy active and diverse lives
- Being safe and promoting safe behaviours



Key Achievements

- Future Directions: An Action Agenda for Young
 Victorians, significant consultation with young people
- Additional funding for YACVic and CMYI
- Go for Your Life Positive Body Image Initiative
- youthcentral ongoing funding and strengthened youth engagement
- Victoria Rocks & FreeZACentral



Forward Direction

- Victoria Rocks
 - -FReeZACentral
 - -Music Equipment Grants
- Future Directions-Outcomes Focus
- Joint Reporting with the Office for Children
- Young People Direct





The Office for Youth

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