



Youth Affairs

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Snapshot of Young People in Victoria

- Young people aged between 12 and 25 comprise 17.7% of Victoria's population.
- There is significant diversity among Victoria's young people.
- 73% of young Victorians were living in the Melbourne metropolitan area in 2006.
- 19.9% of Victorians aged 12-24 speak a language other than English at home.
- Young people today are a technological generation, with technology enabling them to communicate, network and learn in new ways.



The Youth Affairs Portfolio in Government

Exists to:

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

How?

- Inter-Departmental Committee for Youth Affairs
- Regional Youth Affairs Networks provide a local perspective
- Consultation
- Advocacy and advice from YACVic and CMYI
- DPCD local teams
- Consultation with young people



The Youth Affairs Portfolio in Government

Programs

- Advance
- FReeZA
- FReeZACentral
- Mentoring & Capacity Building Initiative
- Youth Participation and Access Program
- youthcentral*
- National Youth Week
- Young People Direct
- Youth Foundations Victoria
- Positive Body Image

and Policy



Future Directions: 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 07/08

- *youthcentral* redevelopment
- Youth Participation and Access program
- Positive Body Image Initiative - Media Code of Conduct Launched
- Victoria Rocks & FReeZACentral
- RYAN review
- Launch of Young People Direct



08/09 priorities

- Continuation of Young People Direct
- Victoria Rocks:
 - FReeZACentral
 - Music Equipment Grants
- Continued implementation of the Voluntary Media Code of Conduct on Body Image
- Mentoring
- Vulnerable Youth Framework





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