



## **Youth Worker Practice Network: Information for Youth Workers**

The Youth Worker Practice Network (YWPN) is a Community of Practice for youth workers in the ACT. The YWPN is coordinated by the Youth Coalition of the ACT, and advised by a group of experienced youth work practitioners from a range of community organisations and youth programs.

All youth workers in the ACT & surrounding region are invited to apply for membership to the Youth Worker Practice Network. 'Youth Worker', for the purpose of membership in the YWPN, is defined as:

- A worker currently employed in a role where their job title or position description includes 'youth worker', *or*
- A worker currently employed in a role where they work with young people (aged 12-25), and utilise youth work skills.

### **Aims of the Youth Worker Practice Network**

The Youth Worker Practice Network will:

- Bring together new and experienced youth practitioners from a range of programs and organisations working with young people in the ACT;
- Enable workers to share their knowledge and insight into current and / or common issues faced by young people in the ACT;
- Provide an opportunity for workers to identify gaps in their own individual learning, or in practice knowledge in the sector, and for these gaps to be addressed;
- Provide an avenue for experienced workers to pass on the skills and knowledge gained from working in the youth sector over a period of time; and,
- Develop the practice of frontline workers, as they raise questions and discuss the issues they face in both their individual practice, and in the programs in which they work.

### **Activities of the Youth Worker Practice Network**

The Youth Coalition will hold regular training and discussion events for members of the Youth Worker Practice Network. The dates, discussion topics, and details will be regularly promoted through a YWPN members email group, as well as advertised in the Youth Coalition's weekly ebulletin.

These training and discussion group will include guest speakers, panel presentation, case study discussions, and an opportunity for reflective practice.

### **How do I sign up?**

If you would like further information about the Youth Worker Practice Network, or to register for membership in the YWPN, please visit [members.youthcoalition.net/ywpm](http://members.youthcoalition.net/ywpm) or contact the Youth Coalition on 02 6247 3540 or [info@youthcoalition.net](mailto:info@youthcoalition.net)

There is a one-off administration fee of \$10 to join the network.