

How will you celebrate National Youth Week 2012?

Imagine. Create. Inspire.

event examples

National Youth Week (NYW) events are designed, planned and implemented by young people, for young people aged 12-25 years.

In 2011 sixty-one organisations received funding to deliver 184 events across the state. Around 1,250 young people were involved in planning and running events in their local communities, with almost 13,000 young people attending these events.

There were a diverse range of activities and events held during NYW 2011 including:

Battle of the Bands	Skateboard and BMX comps and displays
Movie nights	Short film competitions
Laser skirmish	Youth recognition awards
Cultural events	Day events involving sporting activities and special guests
Music workshops and events	Artistic/ creative workshops and competitions
Youth forums	Workshops – learning a new skill(s) or consulting young people for their opinion.

Following are some examples of the types of activities and events that have been held in previous years as a part of National Youth Week. These are to start your thinking about what types of activities you could hold addressing each of the priority areas. We encourage you to develop your own ideas with the young people you work with.

Event examples are listed under the priorities for funding of health and wellbeing, education, training and employment and engagement and participation.



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health and wellbeing – Mental Health focus

- A multi-arts workshop was held for young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in conjunction with a mental health service provider. Clients with mental health issues acted as mentors to participants with ASD to develop works of art and poetry. Artworks were displayed at the offices of both service providers and included in a booklet outlining the services provided by both agencies and the mental health issues faced by young people with ASD.
- Multiple workshops were conducted by peer educators about mental health issues focusing on young people's strengths and resilience. These incorporated individual and group activities followed by the creation of aerosol artworks conveying ideas around mental health. Young people were involved in open discussions about mental health focusing on how to look after yourself and others. Artworks were displayed at various council sites in the City of Marion.
- Laser skirmish and hip hop workshops focused on Youthbeyondblue key messages.
 - The laser skirmish sessions were held for 55 young people and followed by a debrief run by local service staff focusing on mental health issues and looking out for your mates.
 - A discussion forum and hip hop workshop were also held for young people to write their own song lyrics based on the Youthbeyondblue key messages of look for the signs of depression, listen to your friends experiences, talk about what's going on and seek help together. The forum culminated in the performance of the hip hop song live on stage.

education, training & employment

- Careers Expo – Young people were invited to a half-day Career Expo where they were addressed by representatives from Universities, TAFE's and had access to workers to ask questions about specific employment opportunities and education fields of interest. Young people received a show bag of goodies and collected further information about transitioning from schooling to tertiary education and/or employment.
- Youth Leadership Forum - young people from refugee backgrounds attended an over night, two day youth forum to develop strategies that address the immediate needs of young people in relation to the law, recreation, sports and education.
- Cooking demonstrations, comic book drawing, and many other half or full day workshops were offered by libraries throughout SA giving young people the opportunity to learn a new skill and broaden their horizons or simply keep them busy during the school holiday period.
- Young people organised music workshops and received SACE (South Australian Certificate of Education) recognition for their learning's demonstrated during the implementation and running of the activity. The music workshops were run for young people to discuss their mental health experiences and write and record a song based on these. Participants developed artwork for a CD cover and produced a video clip for their song. An outdoor youth concert was then held for participants to perform their song to teachers, families and peers.

engagement & participation

- Youth festivals including a battle of the bands, displays and demonstrations from local service providers, give-a-ways, food stalls, participatory activities and active games were offered to young people.
- Show us your Shorts – A film festival for young people to create, and submit their own personal short films about issues that effect them. Participants enjoyed free films, food, drinks, live music, free give-a-ways and entertainment from the local youth theatre.
- Youth Recognition Awards –Young people are recognised for the things that can often go unnoticed such as being a great family member or friend, community contribution(s), overcoming personal barriers, and having a positive attitude towards learning and employment.
- SquareFest was held in the heart of Salisbury which provided young people with a Festival feel which included a youth services expo with information and access to workers to ask questions, showcased local talent by performing (live bands/djs), a sausage sizzle provided by Blue Light and air brush tattoos.
- Mini-golf, aerosol art demos, airbrush art, 3 on 3 basketball, skate, bmx and scooter comps and a Youthbeyondblue message board for young people to write comments about the Youthbeyondblue key messages of look, listen, talk and seek help.
- Movie Nights – Screenings of popular movies were screened to young people and families in regional locations throughout SA –providing the community with an opportunity that does not come around often. Free pop corn, face painting and many other activities were available for all to enjoy.
- Graphic design workshops were run for young people to access knowledge of a professional from the industry and young people were provided with a resource kit of art materials.
- Get the Drift - Students from nine secondary schools and six council areas attended an interactive exhibition at the Adelaide Festival Centre. Young people participated in a range of workshops aimed at building young people's resilience and coping mechanisms. The event was also attended by the previous Federal Minister for Youth, Hon Kate Ellis MP.

further information

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