

Nillumbik Youth in Action Information Pack

Purpose:

Upon completion of the program, members of Nillumbik Youth In Action will:

Build mutual understanding, empathy and social connection.

Develop skills in advocacy and community engagement, becoming youth leaders within their community.

Work collectively to establish an initiative or program of their choice that will benefit the Nillumbik youth community.

Establish connections and relationships within local government and other community organisations, building confidence to engage with various community institutions.

Nillumbik Youth in Action will consist of up to 20 young people aged 15-25 years of age who are passionate about making change within the Nillumbik community whilst developing strong social connections.

What does the program involve?

Throughout the 10 week program, members of Nillumbik Youth In Action will:

- Attend workshops designed by Nillumbik Shire Council & BNLEN, YacVic and Reach Foundation establishing key skills in social connection, community engagement and youth advocacy.
- Work collaboratively to design an initiative or program that addresses the needs of young people across the Nillumbik community.
- Engage directly with the community to establish an initiative or project to improve the lives of young people across Nillumbik.

Benefits of joining:

- Boost your confidence and skillset in leadership, project management and advocacy
- Design your own community action project, bringing young people of Nillumbik together!
- Opportunity to meet other like-minded young people and build long term connections
- Build connections within local government and youth organisations including YacVic and Reach.
- Great experience to add to your CV!

Selection Criteria

Criteria	Point Weighing
Ability to demonstrate a range of knowledge, skills and/or lived experience that would benefit Nillumbik Youth In Action	15
Demonstrates passion towards an issue/ topic that impacts the youth community of Nillumbik	15
Can provide examples of these issues/ topics can be addressed.	15
Can demonstrate team-building qualities and has a willingness to learn	10
Can commit to attending weekly meetings for the duration of the program	10
Additional weighting will be awarded to a young person who meets one or more of the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Living in rural Nillumbik- Identifies as culturally or linguistically diverse- Living with a disability- Identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander- Identifies as LGBTQI+	10 per matching criteria

Commitment:

Participants of the project will commit to 10 weekly meetings throughout Term 2 (27th of April- 22nd of June) which will be held from 4-6pm on Tuesday nights at the Eltham Leisure Centre.

An additional celebration event will be held on Tuesday the 29th of June from 4-6pm.

Schedule:

Date	Topic
Week 1- Tuesday 27 April	Welcome and briefing
Week 2 – Tuesday 4 May	Connection Workshop with Reach
Week 3 – Tuesday 11 May	Community Engagement Workshop with BNLEN and Nillumbik Shire Council
Week 4– Tuesday 18 May	Advocacy workshop with YacVic
Week 5– Tuesday 25 May	Community Action Project: Brainstorming Session
Week 6 – Tuesday 1 June	Community Action Project: Finalisation of Ideas and Planning Session
Week 7 – Tuesday 9 June	Community Action Project: Establishing project or initiative
Week 8 – Tuesday 16 June	Community Action Project: Establishing project or initiative
Week 10- Tuesday 22 June	Community Action Project: Establishing project or initiative and evaluation
Week 11 – Tuesday 29 June	Celebration event

Further Information:

For more information please get in touch by emailing youth@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or contacting Molly Jessop, Youth Recovery and Engagement Officer 0428 891 320