

Inner West Council Young Leaders Working Group

Minutes of Meeting held Thursday 21 February 2019 Meeting Room 3, Ground Floor Ashfield Service Centre

Arrival 6pm Started 6:15 pm

1. PRESENT:

Members: Aiden Macreadie; Anne Maree Hoang; Daniel Pham; Kim Pham; Antoinette el Alam;

Ella Nicholls; Josh Legdin;

Council Staff: Charlie Coorey (Secretariat and Team Leader – Youth and Children’s programs; Barbara Becker, Senior Engagement Specialist, from Strategic Planning

APOLOGIES: Alex Conneely; Petal Gill; Lisa Huynh

2. **WELCOME:** All members present were welcomed by Charlie including three new youth representatives: Daniel, Kim, and Anne Marie. Also welcomed was our guest speaker from Inner west Council - Barbara Becker, Senior Engagement Specialist, from Strategic Planning. Everybody then introduced themselves.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST** (any conflicts of interest need to be disclosed in accordance with Council’s Code of Conduct) – Not applicable

4. **GUEST PRESENTER**, Barbara Becker, Senior Engagement Specialist, from Strategic Planning
Barbara provided a brief explanation about the current consultation Council is conducting about What Makes a Good Neighbourhood. She also brought some ipads with the survey that Council is utilising on its website for residents and interested organisations to respond. All in attendance completed the survey on-line as well having a conversation with Barbara about this.

5. ADOPTING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

Charlie tabled a draft copy of the terms of reference for all members to read and discuss. (please refer to attachment).

ACTION: *Charlie agreed to also circulate this to all members for any feedback and hope to get members to agree by the next meeting.*

6. YOUTH WEEK 2019 CELEBRATIONS AND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM UPDATE

Charlie explained to members what Youth Week was about. Youth Week is celebrated nationally and is an opportunity for young people to:

- share ideas
- attend live events
- have their voices heard on issues of concern to them
- showcase their talents
- celebrate their contribution to the community
- take part in competitions
- have fun!

Charlie provided information from Advocate for Children and Young people. One was an invitation to attend a Young Peoples Forum at Parliament House on Wed 10 April 2019. There was also an invitation to enter Design competition.

The IWC Council is currently coordinating and supporting 10 local events, workshops and activities this year. Youth Week 2019 will include the school holiday activities organised by our library services and youth services. There are a diverse range of activities for different youth populations. Agencies such as Marrickville Youth Resource Centre, PCYC Marrickville, Youthblock, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Addison Rd Community Centre, Youth Off the Streets, Barnardos, Metro Assist, Headspace, Totem Skateboarding as well as Council are hosting as well as collaborating with key events in the area. There was also a support from Inner West Police and the Marrickville Community Drug Action Team.

Charlie then circulated the initial draft timetable of the events and activities confirmed for this year. The Council's Youth Week events will run from Friday the 12 April at Jack Shanahan Skatepark as a celebration of the end of term. Various members volunteered to attend and assist at a number of events.

Ella pointed out that the Young women's day should also be about discussing issues rather than re-inforcing stereotypes. She wanted to stress the importance about creating a space where women were empowered. She believed it was important to discuss LGBTIQ, mental health and sexuality issues. She also agreed to assist with promoting the event among her peers. Charlie agreed to pass this information on but was certain that this was the idea behind the event.

Following are events that members have agreed to support:

- Schools Out party Youth Week Launch: Ella, Josh, Antoinette (4-6pm), Daniel, Anne Marie;
- Bubble Soccer: Daniel and Anne-Marie;
- Caricature Workshop: Anne marie was interested but was not certain whether she could attend;

Some members pointed out their limited availability during Youth Week. Ella will be away and not be available between 14/4 – 18/4/19. Antoinette, Lisa and Aiden are working during the day; Kim is at University and will also be limited with his time.

ACTION: Charlie agreed to update members when the program and promotional material is complete and organise meetings for the Council led events and invite members to attend.

7. INFORMATION FROM THE INNER WEST YOUTH ALLIANCE = PRIORITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 2019

Charlie provided a summary of some of the list of priority issues facing young people as identified by the regional youth services network, Inner West Youth Alliance. The issues were collated from surveys and workshops from December till February 2019. This information was provided for information to the members. It is planned that local youth services and Council will be developing further surveys with young people over the next 3 months to utilise during Youth Week and youth events. It is hoped to enlist school and tertiary students to assist with this.

8. Next Meeting 4 April 2019