

Youth Action Plan – Audit conducted December 2012

Priority	Outcome	Actions	Timelines	Partners	Measures	Audit Dec 2012
1. Youth Engagement and Connection: <i>Strengthening Communities through Schools</i>	1.1 An effective system of locally focused programs and services that enable young people to remain engaged and connected to positive pathways that lead towards successfully achieving their long term goals.	1.1.1 Build on existing work, i.e. research and evidence that informs best practice by updating the documentation on research and current policy.	2011	Salvation Army Crossroads Kildonan UnitedCare RMIT WYC/HWLLLEN CoW, YSAS	1.1.1.1 Research and fresh evidence is updated and documented.	Research undertaken by WYC and shared to better inform the development of new projects and initiatives
		1.1.2 Adopt, utilise and build further on the environmental scan and service mapping of WYC/HWLLLEN.	2011	WYC/HWLLLEN Salvation Army RMIT CoW	1.1.1.2 Environmental scan and service map is updated and completed	Environmental scan and service map is updated annually by WYC
		1.1.3 Finalise the Whittlesea Youth Commitment (WYC) and City of Whittlesea's (CoW) Education model: <i>Strengthening Community through Schools</i>	2011	Salvation Army RMIT WYC/HWLLLEN CoW Kildonan DEECD	1.1.1.3. The model is documented and endorsed by the WCF Youth Cluster partnership	Research identified the need to focus on Middle Years. This to be incorporated as a priority of WYC in revised Terms of Reference.
		1.1.4 Secure partners for the implementation of the <i>Strengthening Community through Schools</i> service model	2011	WCF Youth Cluster members	1.1.1.4 Partners secured for the project	Now focusing on model to keep under 16 engaged. Research being undertaken. Will take learnings from other LGAs and further research to develop new model.

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		1.1.5 Advocate for funding for implementation	2011	WCF Youth Cluster members	1.1.1.5 Advocacy with outcomes	Kildonan successfully applied for Engage Funding and is running Project Edge, Peter Lalor Community Music Space and Awesome Art.
		1.1.6 Implement and evaluate the model, and disseminate the findings	2012-2016	WCF Youth Cluster members	1.1.1.6 Measures that show evidence of <i>Strengthening Communities through Schools</i> strategy is successful.	
2. Youth Mental Health	2.1 An increase in the range and capacity of mental health services available for young people in the City of Whittlesea.	2.1.1 Explore models of school based mental health practices and develop an evidence based framework of best practices and successful approaches.	2011	Northern Melbourne Headspace, Salvation Army PVCH Kildonan RMIT, YSAS CoW DEECD	2.1.1.1 Research on best practice completed	Respectful Relationships model identified
		2.1.2 Using the evidence based framework to advocate for funding for the implementation and piloting of school based mental health models.	2011	WCF Youth Cluster group	2.1.2.1 Best practice models piloted and Advocacy implemented	Unsuccessful funding submission lodged by Crossroads and Kildonan for Respectful Relationships.

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		2.1.3 Advocate for a Headspace service to be based in the municipality	2011	WCF Youth Cluster group	2.1.3.1 Advocacy implemented	Advocacy Fact sheet developed. Ongoing advocacy for Headspace service. The urgent need to address this issue was raised in a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Community Services, Mrs. Andrea Coote on 3.8.2011
		2.1.4 Support and advocate for funding for the Northern Regional Mental Health network's proposal for a young people's participation strategy	2011-2016	WCF Youth Cluster group	2.1.4.1 Advocacy implemented.	
		2.1.5 Develop a positive mental health campaign with local partners	2011-2016	WCF Youth Cluster group	2.1.5.1 Campaign developed and delivered.	
		2.1.6 Advocate to increase the capacity of existing mental health services for local young people	2011-2016	WCF Youth Cluster group	2.1.6.1 Advocacy implemented.	Opportunities for services being explored in new super clinic

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3. Youth Housing and Homelessness	3.1 A comprehensive picture of housing and homelessness as it relates to young people in the City of Whittlesea and a extensive plan to address the situation.	3.1.1 Advocate for funding to undertake a study that comprehensively captures the situation of housing and homelessness of young people in the municipality. This study will inform a short and long term strategic plan to address the prevention and alleviation of youth homelessness and housing demands.	2011-2012	Salvation Army Crossroads Kildonan UnitedCare RMIT WYC CoW Hope Street in Whittlesea	3.1.1.1 Project description and Facts Sheet completed	Fact sheet completed. DPCD approached for funding The urgent need to address this issue was raised in a meeting with the Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Community Services, Mrs. Andrea Coote on 3.8.2011 Youth Homelessness Research Project Working Group established Dec 2012 . Data and literature review being undertaken, funding sought for additional research.
		3.1.2 Engage with the State Government on <i>A Better Place-Victorian Homelessness 2020 Strategy</i> to advocate for better outcomes for young people in the City of Whittlesea.	2011-2016	WCF Youth Cluster group	3.1.2.1 Delegations to the relevant personnel	Crossroads unsuccessfully applied for first round funding Homelessness Action Plan 2011-2015 Families at Home, Homelessness Innovation Action Project funding received by Kildonan, Homeground and Crossroads