

Hunter Multicultural Youth Network

Minutes

Date: 14th February 2017

Location: TAFE, Building F - Ground floor (Zac's Office).

Chair & Minutes: Astrid Gearin

Apologies: Byron Williams- Headpace; Lydia Manusiu –NSS, Trish Owen-NSW Police, Richard De Martin-Northlakes.

Attendees: Kath Hales: Young Healthy Minds Wesley, John Sandy: Refugee Service Catholic Care, Jo Mcgregor: Startts, Zachary Ekandi: IMEC TAFE, Dale Garbutt: MCNC (phone in), Tonkoh Kamara:NSS,

Agenda:

- **Acknowledgment of Country:** Astrid
- **Approval of last Minutes:**
 - Kath Approved and Jo seconded for December Minutes
- **Terms of Reference:**
 - Changes made and TOR 16/17 approved.
 - Chair position will be vacated toward EOFY and a new Chair will be nominated.
- **Youth Leadership:**

Tonkoh would like to increase the multicultural presence for youth in youth leadership positions.

- Newcastle Youth Council (NYC) was discussed:

Newcastle Youth Council – Facilitated by Amber Stewart (NCC) facilitates it. Astrid identified there are currently x2 YP in the NYC who are from multicultural backgrounds. Rizina Yadav & Jose Artine Francisco. *Some examples of what YP do in Youth Council are:*

- NCC puts forward council projects/policy etc and engage NYC youth consult to feedback to them (NCC).
- Youth Week NSW puts forward funds that is matched by for NCC for Youth Week projects. NYC provides grant opportunities to the community & youth sector & NYC vote on which projects get funded.
- There is also a space on the agenda that YP can raise concerns or points of interest to be discussed.
- Their meetings are monthly
- It is not a paid position.
- NCC councillor's that currently attend are Therese Dolye and Declan Clausen.

➤ More-<http://www.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Services/Youth-Council>

- **Multicultural NSW Youth Leadership-** Hunter/Central coast position was just promoted
- **RAC – Regional advisory committee youth position**

It is a 3 year appointment with a possible 2 year extension. And currently asking for young people to join. Representatives from health, police, education, youth other sectors are there. Zac is on the committee and has informed next meeting is in Building M, on the 21st Feb. John Sandy has offered to be an advocate for young people and sit in the vacant position. Sitting allowance of \$120.00 and if drive there is petrol reimbursement. Access to education for Asylum seekers, employment, citizenship issues. A YP who can be vocal about youth issues and is passionate about youth issues.

How we can support: HMYN members to support any YP who are also interested in regards to aiding them to get to meetings and mentoring etc , Astrid can support YP with their applications if members do not have capacity.

- **Forum**

Discussed the need for a forum- network agreed a Forum is not a priority but will raise with MYAN at Newcastle meeting that the HUNTER would like support in Youth Leadership facilitation and would like MYAN to aid us in with. Suggested ideas is that MYAN fund a P/T position to work strictly on leadership in our region and facilitate group and action similar to Sydney as they are a State Peak.

- **Partnership Projects**

- Welcome ride – it was great! Much feedback by YP asking when it will be on again. Hopefully each school holiday STARTTS can support 2 out of 4 welcome rides if they run each school holidays. It was noted STARTTS facilitate responsibility for Youth Group so this could be shared among other services.
Jan Welcome Ride Draft report passed.
Sub-committee meetings will be put forward at the next HYMN to plan next event that will be held during the next School Holidays: 8th-25th April
Dates for 2017 Welcome Rides Activities for the rest of the year are to be held between....
 - 1-17th July
 - 23 Sept -8th Oct
 - 16th- 29th Jan 2018
- Youth Group – running regularly each week- Sub committee meets monthly at STARTTS Office. *See next point.*
- Youth Week: An event will run at Callaghan College Jesmond Senior Campus. Astrid & Dale submitted an application that was approved to fund a Youth Week event on the Wednesday 5th April during Group!!

Emerging Local Trends: Discussion raised by Zac with Astrid once HMYN Meeting had closed.

Zac raised concerns around YP and D&A, education withdrawal, social dysfunction and crime. He discussed concerns that Multicultural young People (YP) see TAFE for the sole purpose as a place where adults, parents/carers come to learn English. Zac would like to introduce TAFE and all the opportunities it can hold for young people to the young people the network supports. He thought a tour with Fun Activities & Learning, BBQ lunch etc where they can learn about courses could be a good fit for the welcome ride and that this may be able to allow for access to the TAFE buses to assist with Transport.

Other Business:

- Roles in 2017: Position of Chair will be vacated in June for a new cycle, start to think about capacity and desire to take on this position.

Tim Crakanthorp contacted Astrid as he wants to do a 'Local Hero' story and he heard about the Awesome Newcastle grant she had won for the Welcome Ride. Astrid raised this as she wanted to confirm with the committee it was ok to promote the Welcome Ride in this way additionally she will raise in the article that we welcome support esp around buses to transport Welcome Ride attendees as that is where a lot of financial resources go.

Future Meeting Times & Venue

HMYN will meet bi monthly and Sub groups for projects can meet between that as required.

Next General Meeting: 2nd Tuesday of the Bi Monthly from, 11th April at 9.30am for a 10am Start

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