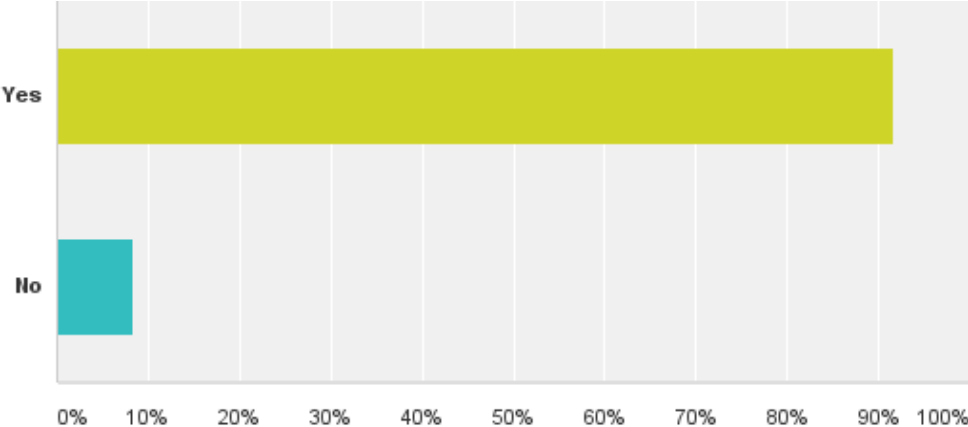


# **2015 Youth and Community Sector Survey- Newcastle**

# Q1: Do you provide direct service delivery within Youth, Family and/or Community programs?

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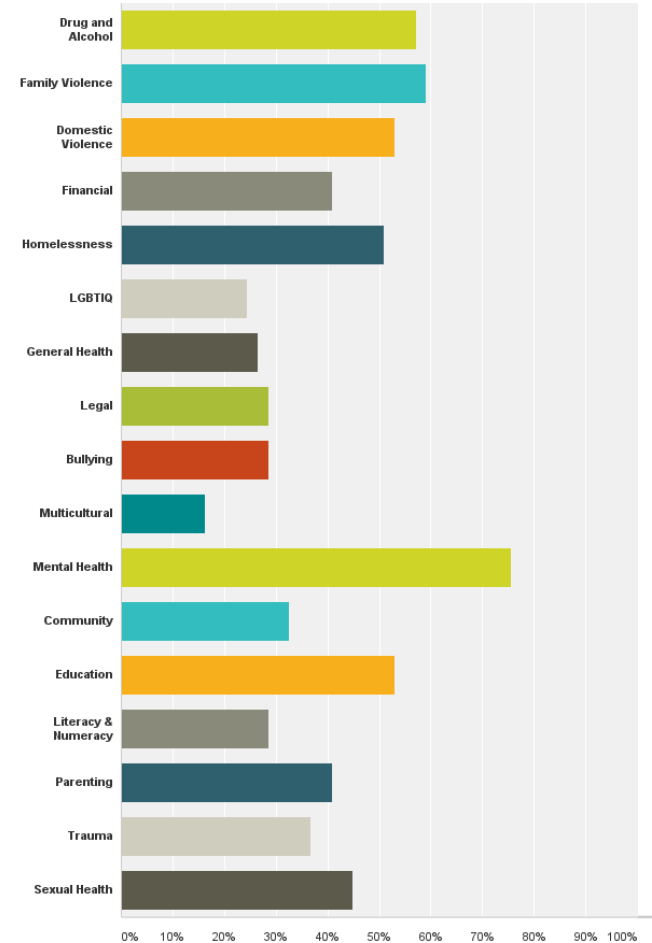


Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	91.67%
No	8.33%

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## Q2: Which of the following do you see as current support needs for the people you work with?

Answer Choices	Responses
Drug and Alcohol	57.14% ★ ★ ★
Family Violence	59.18% ★ ★
Domestic Violence	53.06%
Financial	40.82%
Homelessness	51.02%
LGBTIQ	24.49%
General Health	26.53%
Legal	28.57%
Bullying	28.57%
Multicultural	16.33%
Mental Health	75.51% ★
Community	32.65%
Education	53.06%
Literacy & Numeracy	28.57%
Parenting	40.82%
Trauma	36.73%
Sexual Health	44.90%



## **Q2: Which of the following do you see as current support needs for the people you work with?**

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- Community connection, Access to health services
  - DV in teen relationships; literacy and numeracy for outside school
  - Parenting groups for parents of youth with mental health issues or parenting capacity raising groups for the parents.
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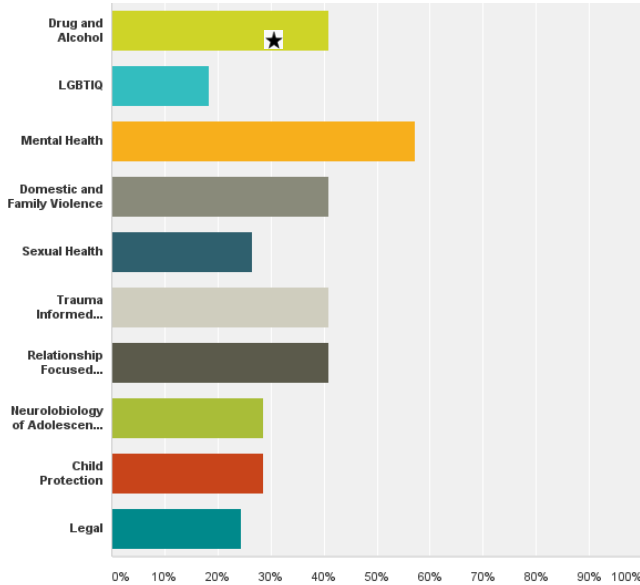
# Q3: Are you satisfied with the relationship and support you have with the Newcastle YDO

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- More Jobs for the Youths
- Referrals and partnership
- more marketing of supports to schools. I am at Hunter Sports in Gateshead but we have students attending from all areas.
- more knowledge
- More resources and staff
- A day to bring all of the new services together so we can have a meet and greet with all their team members and exchange contact details etc...
- reinstating a youth council in Newcastle to have a greater consumer comment and involvement More young people and families steering service provision...old school management committees....local knowledge

<b>Very Satisfied</b>	<b>Satisfied</b>	<b>Unsatisfied</b>
<b>58.33%</b>	<b>35.42%</b>	<b>6.25%</b>

## Q5: What training do you see as a priority in 2015?



Answer Choices	Responses
Drug and Alcohol	40.82%
LGBTIQ	18.37%
Mental Health	57.14% ★
Domestic and Family Violence	40.82% ★★
Sexual Health	26.53%
Trauma Informed Practice	40.82% ★★
Relationship Focused Strengths Based	40.82% ★★
Neurobiology of Adolescent Development	28.57%
Child Protection	28.57%
Legal	24.49%

## ***Q5: What training do you see as a priority in 2015? Other***

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Advocacy, community development, evaluation, developing and delivering programs, working with young people, ethics, industrial relations

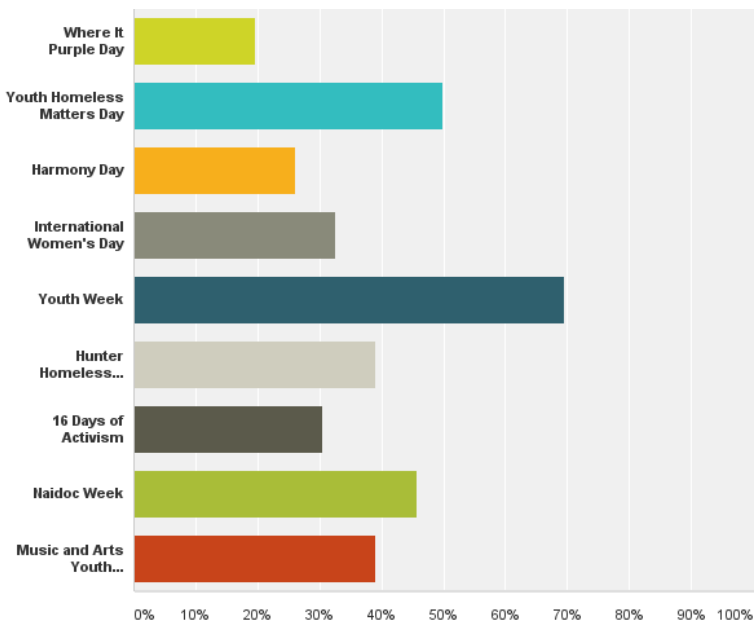
Youth Mental Health

therapeutic approaches eg narrative

Challenging behaviours, accidental counselling

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# Q6: What Event/Projects planning would you be interested in being involved in?



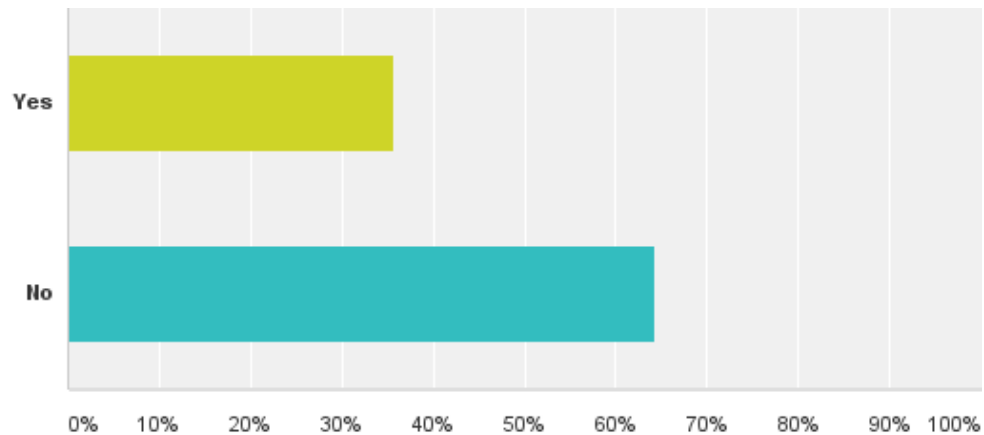
Answer Choices	Responses
Where It Purple Day	19.57%
Youth Homeless Matters Day	50.00% ★ ★
Harmony Day	26.09%
International Women's Day	32.61%
Youth Week	69.57% ★
Hunter Homeless Connect Day	39.13%
16 Days of Activism	30.43%
Naidoc Week	45.65% ★ ★ ★
Music and Arts Youth Engagement	39.13%

- mental health/arts projects and awareness days/events
- Refugee Week



## Q7: Is there a specific topic you think the Interagency should work on in 2015?

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Answer Choices	Responses
Yes	35.71% 15
No	64.29% 27

## ***Q7: Is there a specific topic you think the Interagency should work on in 2015? Suggestions***

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- Family Law and Family Violence
  - mental health
  - healthy relationships
  - connecting service providers with more avenues for safe participation in community activities for their participants
  - Disengagement from Education
  - Funding and partnership opportunities
  - Mental health
  - Family Violence
  - New agencies contact details - (names of case workers, where they work - office, phone number including mobile contact and email addresses
  - 1) Professional, comprehensive and innovative research to provide a picture of young people in Newcastle - who they are, what they think, what inspires them, what they do, what concerns them, what are they passionate about, what do they want, what are their dreams, what is their current reality, what goes on in their lives, what is important to them... not just an issues based needs assessment:
  - 2) Newcastle Youth Interagency strategic plan - not just responding to things. There is an opportunity to work on the bigger picture - that is what an Interagency can do, what can be done together outside of the capacity of a worker's individual role - one or two main focuses and address these comprehensively, to achieve long term and sustainable outcomes:
  - 3) Work toward creating an educated, professional, ethical, creative, innovative Youth Sector that works together.
  - Perhaps a workshop with a case study on youth to identify issues related to youth and an update on the services available in the Newcastle environs.
  - remapping sector connections and pathways for easier flow of referrals and service delivery
  - cultural workshop/camps
  - More collaboration between services including mainstream services
  - How to engage with youth
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# What the plan thus far for 2015?????

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## Hopes for Training in 2015

- ✓ Sexual Health
- ✓ Youth Health Forums
- ✓ YMHFA- subsidised
- Trauma informed practice
- Drug and Alcohol

## Sector Networking

Interagency- NYI, CYI, NHINN,

Others: are Newcastle Interagency, DV committee, CDAT, Children and Families Interagency

## Others

- RYDON Newsletter Development
- Conference 'Stuff that REALLY works'
- App- will have you engagement groups to design content and hopefully employ young person to design App
- Regional Youth Survey- Hunter wide schools survey RYDON and Newcastle University
- Approached CAMHS to look at working with NGO's around case studies and consultation with teams working with YP and MH difficulties
- AVO with CLSD, Legal Aid, Samaritans, Youth On Track (looking for young people to do some digital design of workshop)

## Events-

CYDP- will use the newsletter and mailing list to invite to planning for events

YHMD- TAFE Campus Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> at 11am

Harmony Day- Newcastle High Event – Contact Dale Garbutt

Refugee Week- Tantrum film night contact Amy from Tantrum to help out

YAIR- dates to be announced if you wish to host art workshops

## YOUTH WEEK events

Hamo South Youth Week – Samaritans Rebecca Kelly

What's On Your Mind? – Hunter Region Women's Working Group, Ann Morris

Let's Go! Connect With Your Community – House with No Steps, Christine Lewis

Meth Makes Me ... Newcastle Youth Forum – Awabakal Ltd, Zoe Harrison

NicPic – headspace Newcastle, Byron Williams

Pop Up Civic Park Film Night and –*CYDP Astrid*

Hunter Hunters – headspace Newcastle and Museum, Ella Reed

Urban Arts Cultural Workshop – Hunter African Community Council, Lija Turner Carroll

Party In The Park – Samaritans Foundation SHS Program, Joel Shakespeare

# If I had a Magic Wand.....

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- Get all homeless in some housing and create more jobs
  - I would assist parents in empowering themselves to be the parent they want to be.
  - the youth to become more resilient.
  - more free mental health services for young people
  - All young people would be healthy and safe; have relationships; have the skills and abilities to self advocate
  - Create a community of peace and inclusiveness
  - I would be out of s job as people would respect and each other and have good mental health
  - Where people of all communities would respect each other, government gave enough funding for everyone! (you did say magic wand) no woman would be afraid to leave a violent situation due to finances and accommodation. No woman would ever come in contact with violence ever... harsh harsh penalties for those whom are guilty..
  - Create more affordable social housing for young people
  - Provide extra services and activities for young people to access daily, such as the "the loft youth venue" which unfortunately closed. Also a place for older young adults, 18-25 year olds to go to improve social skills and get involved in some sort of activity they enjoy. This could benefit their mental health and boost confidence as they would be around people their own age as opposed to feeling older and being mixed in with a group that may be much younger.
  - Help Open Cage Ensemble find an accessible, secure space so we can continue doing our connecting activities and programs and begin programs to train workers to include inclusive arts in their everyday practice.
  - Schools and services would have a symbiotic relationship!
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- I would have an intense internal ethical debate on whether or not to wave it
  - Increase youth funding. Implement programs addressing disengagement to education and a stronger focus on youth mental health. Particularly in the Nelson Bay Area where there is little support for young people.
  - More housing support for young people at risk of homelessness, specifically young mothers who are engaged in education.
  - I would reduce income inequality and legislate against physical discipline of children.
  - Funding would be more about quality rather than quantity. 30+ clients per caseworker is just obscene. How can young people at risk experience quality service when this is expected.
  - There would be more youth accommodation options
  - Agencies working together more and not having a us and them mind set
  - Free training of a higher level to upskill staff, not just introductory training, which is usually more available.
  - Money
  - I would like to see less broken relationships
  - The magic that would happen would be a sight to see... :-) - All current programs being delivered in schools be evaluated and only evidence-based programs be delivered. Continue to evaluate these. Regional approach to programs being delivered, identify what actually needs to be addressed and develop an Interagency TOR/agreement/process to working in schools and approaching schools - working together/in partnership to deliver good and sustainable outcomes. - Youth workers understand, are competent and confident to advocate for supportive workplaces and their rights as workers. Youth workers are engaged in advocating for themselves and advocating for and supporting their peers in their own and other organisations.
  - Better access to mental health services for youth and their parents.
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- we'd all be faeries and mermaids!!! and...i would spread the power balance between ngo's and govt depts in the best interest of service users
  - Monthly cultural camps or programs together in collaboration within services.
  - Greater collaboration between services, young people being more involved in service delivery (not tokenistically but actively), more social enterprise opportunities for young people to gain employment, less discrimination by Youth services of young people with disabilities
  - i would be a great magician
  - I would like a member of the multicultural health team to be involved with the interagency
  - I would have a thriving Youth Council with 10-15 engaged members you are willing and able to get involved and provide advice on Council activities.
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