



Do you want to take part in a Youth Advisory Group – it's looking at how young people are involved in government and community decision making?

- Have your say and tell people who listen and who will take your views on board!
- Work with other young people from around Australia!
- Gain valuable experience and earn a little bit of money for your time!

We're doing some research to find out about the things that make it easy, and things that make it difficult, for young people to get involved in decision making. We are really interested in the experiences of Indigenous young people, young people with a disability, young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds, young people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds and young people who have been under the guardianship of the Minister.

The research project is being conducted by CIRCA (the Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre Australia), Ariadne Vromen at the University of Sydney and The Inspire Foundation. We'd like young people to help direct the research, by being part of a **Youth Advisory Group (YAG)**.

The YAG is a committee of young people that give advice to the research team and review the research approach, questions and results. We believe that young people are experts in their own lives, and that your involvement will help make sure the research is respectful of young people's beliefs and cultures and really reflects your experiences! As a member of the YAG you will provide feedback on the research and related issues.

If you identify with one or more of the groups listed above then we'd really like to you to consider being involved!

The YAG will run for 8 weeks from **19 February – 13th April 2007** It will involve around 12 young people from across Australia and you will keep in touch mostly through online forums, as well as coming to Sydney for a two day meeting with the research team.

To be involved you need to be:

- aged 18-25
- able to access the internet at least once a week
- able to commit to the YAG for 8 weeks
- able to make it to a Sydney workshop on March 16 – 17 (costs paid)

Members of the YAG will receive a small payment to cover their internet costs and if it's hard for you to get online we'll work with services in your area to help you get access. Travel, accommodation and food costs of the Sydney meeting are covered by the research team.

If you're interested, please fill in the attached form and send it to Johanna Bell at CIRCA by **Sunday 4th February 2007, or give Johanna a call on 02 8585 1353**



Do you want to take part in a Youth Advisory Group – it's looking at how young people are involved in government and community decision making?

Please answer these questions so that we know a little bit about you.

Your Name:	
Your date of birth:	
Are you male or female?:	
Place where you were born: Place where your parents were born:	
Town/city where you live:	
Do you speak any languages other than English? Which ones?	
Do you identify as Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander?	
Do you have a disability? Please let us know a bit more about the type of disability you have.	
Have you been under the guardianship of the minister? (care of the State)	
Are you employed? If not, how long have you been unemployed?	
Are you studying? What is the level of school/uni that you have completed?	
Why do you want to be on the Youth Advisory Group?	

Please send this form to Johanna Bell by **Sunday 4th February**

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