



EOI for YAG – Information to Services

The National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (through FACSIA) is funding a research project looking at diversity in young people’s participation in community and government decision making.

We would like your help to recruit young people to a **Youth Advisory Group (YAG)**. The YAG is a group of people that give advice to the research team on how the research should be done. We believe that young people are experts in their own lives, and their involvement will help to ensure that the research is respectful of young people’s beliefs and cultures and accurately reflects their experiences!

This research seeks to understand the things that help or prevent the participation of:

- Indigenous young people;
- Young people with a disability;
- Young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds;
- Culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, including emerging communities;
- Young people who have been under the guardianship of the Minister.

We are seeking young people representing these groups to participate in the YAG and we’d really appreciate your help identifying relevant young people who might like to take part.

What does being on the YAG involve?

The YAG will run for 8 weeks from 19 February – 13th April 2007. It will involve around 12 people from across Australia who will communicate mostly through online forums, as well as coming to Sydney for a two day meeting with the other members of the YAG and research team. To be involved young people 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
- living in Australia

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

We appreciate your help in finding young people to work with us on this research project. We believe that their involvement will be an enjoyable experience for the young people, but more importantly, will ensure that the research reflects young people’s experiences.

Expressions of Interest are due by **Sunday February 4th**. If you have any questions please call Johanna Bell at CIRCA Research on 02 8585 1353 or email her on Johanna@circaresearch.com.au

(The research project is being conducted by Cultural and Indigenous Research Centre Australia (CIRCA), Dr. Ariadne Vromen at the University of Sydney and The Inspire Foundation).