



Direction 1 - Connection and resilience

Developing emotional resilience and shared values.

Outcome measure - Increase in the number of young people agreeing that they feel connected with community life



Direction 1: Snapshot

**What young people
advocated for**

A whole of community approach to shifting attitudes and assumptions about young people, as well as more opportunities to connect across generations



In their words

I feel like now more than ever there is a disconnect between kids and community. There is a divide between kids, support, community and services.

Young person
12-17 years

First Nations Workshop

I think it's essential for young people to connect with older people as they need the support and connection with other people.

Young Person
12-17 years

Culturally Diverse
Workshop

I would like to connect more at public spaces with other young people interested in drawing, writing and the environment.

Young Person
12-17 years

School engagement
workshop



Plan outcome

Young people participate in community life and have access to services and networks to help

Young people connect across generations

Young people have access to and feel welcomed in community spaces



**Impact on Better
Together 2040
outcomes**

Broad range of supportive community and social networks that reflect the diversity of the Northern Beaches

Value of all people is recognised, respected and embraced

Sense of belonging to life on the Northern Beaches

Direction 1 - Actions

Connection and resilience

Action Plan outcome	Actions	Delivery Year
<p>Young people participate in community life and have access to services and networks to help</p> <p>“People with disabilities, we often experience inequity as people cannot understand our needs, and believe they know what is best for us. Events on the Northern Beaches are often planned for the able, and the disabled as taken as a second thought.”</p> <p>Young Person living with disability 12-17 years</p>	Actions for Council	
	Investigate and implement programs to strengthen support networks for young people	Year 2-3
	Trial the use of local social media influencers to support information and education delivery	Year 1
	Develop and implement an approach to strengthening our work with 18-24 year olds	Year 2-3
	Review current Youth Development activities so that they align with the strategic directions from Youth Voices	Year 1
	Actions in partnership with the Youth Sector	
	Coordinate advocacy to ensure the right services are available to meet the needs of young people living in the community	Ongoing
	Actions for young people	
	Encourage friends to participate in available opportunities	Ongoing
<p>Young people connect across generations</p> <p>“Older generation have their minds set on their way and don’t stop for consideration of youth voices.”</p> <p>Young Person 12-17 years</p>	Actions for Council	
	Coordinate a forum with Council, service providers and the community focused on building connections across generations	Year 1
	Increase opportunities for connection between Councillors and Council's Youth Advisory Group	Ongoing
	Explore ways to increase the amount of youth volunteering on the Northern Beaches	Year 1
	Actions for the community	
	When planning community activities, programs and events consider how to foster inter-generational collaboration	Ongoing
	Actions for Youth Advisory Group	
	Youth Advisory Group invite key stakeholders to meet and discuss initiatives to foster youth volunteering	Year 1
	Actions for young people	
	Register your interest with Council for volunteer opportunities	Ongoing

Action Plan outcome	Actions	Delivery Year
Young people have access to and feel welcomed in community spaces <i>"I would like to see the Northern Beaches Council use more effective planning policies... The Northern Beaches' future success hinges on younger generations - we should thus have a voice in the future development of our community."</i> Young Person 18-24 years	Actions for Council	
	Develop effective promotion of library programs and services in collaboration with young people	Ongoing
	Advocate for and support young people to participate in the development of the Affordable Housing Action Plan	Year 4-5
	Strengthen meaningful participation of young people in land use planning	Ongoing
	Actions for Youth Advisory Group	
	Identify community spaces and places that can be better utilised by young people and facilitate intergenerational connection	Ongoing