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Youth Voice Action Plan

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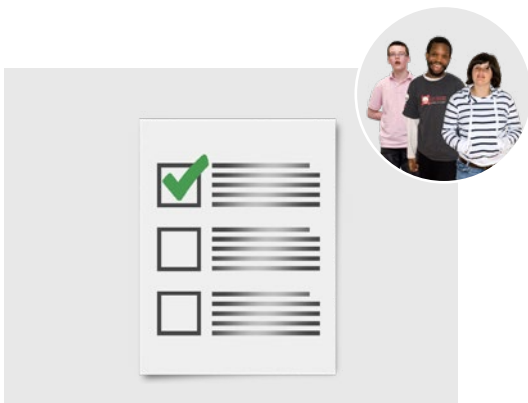
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About this plan



This info is about the Youth Voice Action Plan from the Northern Beaches Council.

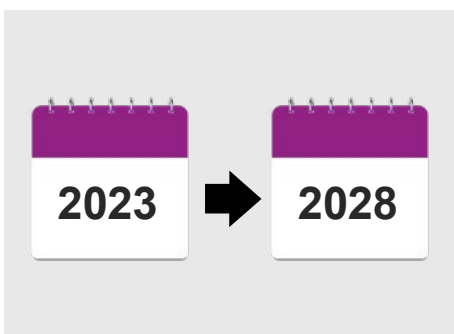
We will say **plan** for short.



The plan says what we can all do to support young people between 12 and 24 years old.



The plan is for 5 years.



It goes from 2023 until 2028.

Why we need the plan



There are many young people living on the Northern Beaches.



We want all of them to be able to do the things that matter to them.



We talked to lots of young people about what would help them feel part of the community.



We wrote this plan to say what we will do to support young people to

- Live a good life
- Have a job
- Do the things they like to do.

How we made this plan



We talked to many different people to make this plan.



We talked to

- Young people
- Friends and family of young people
- Services that support young people.
- People from the community.

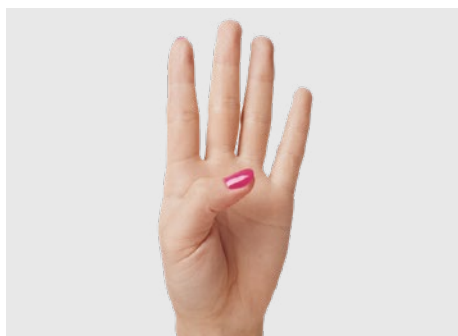


We asked them about all the things that are important to young people.

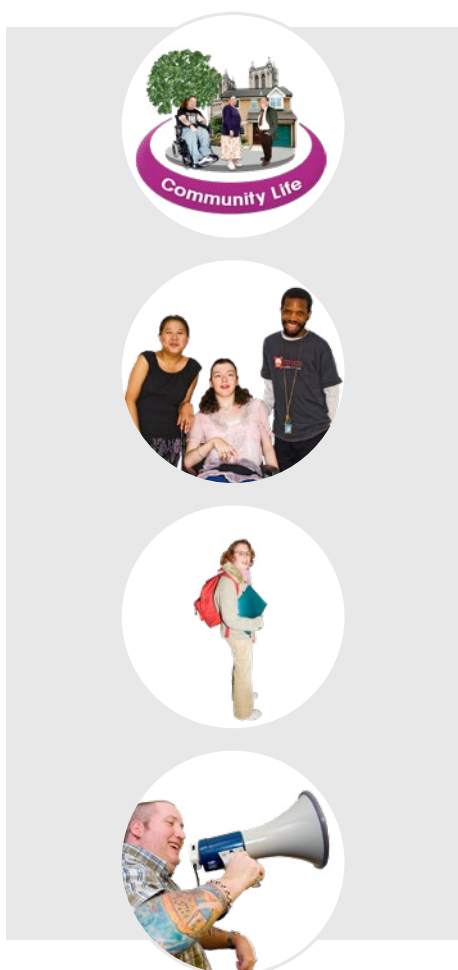


We asked them what they think we can do better for young people.

4 goals



From what people told us we came up with 4 goals that we want to make happen.



The 4 goals are

1. Young people connect with other people from the community
2. Young people feel safe to join in
3. Young people get skills and learn new things
4. Young people can speak up for themselves



We will tell you about each goal and what we will do.

1. Young people connect with other people from the community



We want to help young people spend more time with other people from the Northern Beaches.



We want them to get to know each other better.



Sometimes other people think that young people do not

- Know what they are talking about
- Want to be part of the community.



We want to make sure young people are more part of the community.



What we want to do

We want to find new ways for young people to join other groups in the community.

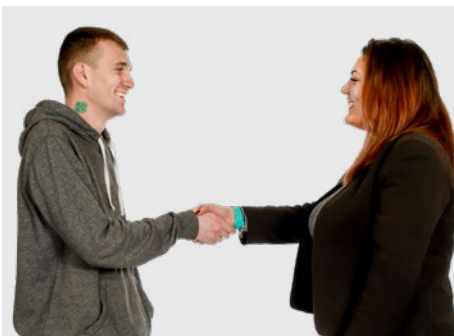


We want to connect young people with older people.



This will be a great way for them to

- Learn from each other
- Understand each other better.



We want to make sure young people feel welcome everywhere in our community.

2. Young people feel safe to join in



We want young people to feel safe on the Northern Beaches.



They should feel safe in everything they do.



Some young people said that they are sometimes scared to be who they are.



They are worried about what other people might think or do.



What we want to do

We want to make sure people know how to make young people feel safe when they join in.

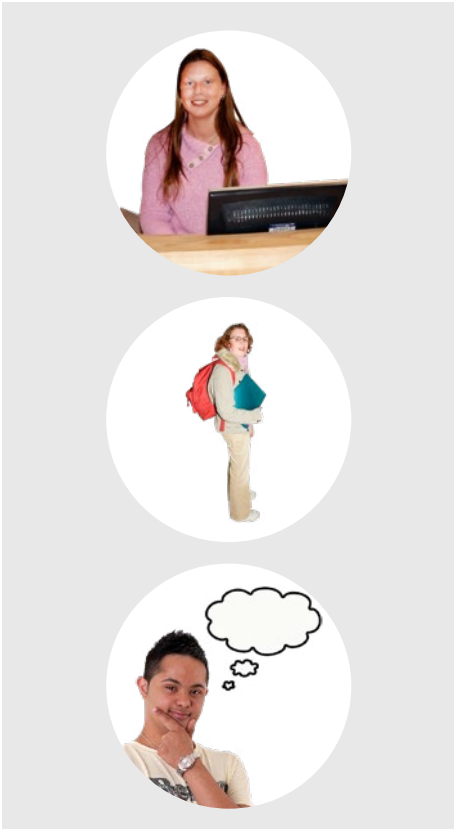


We want to make sure young people can always get the help they need.

3. Young people get skills and learn new things



There are many skills young people need to learn.



These might be skills to

- Get a job they enjoy
- Study
- Find out who they are and what they want.



These skills are very different from the skills their parents or carers needed when they were young.



What we want to do

We want to come up with more ways for young people to learn new skills from others.



This might be having programs where we bring different groups of people together.



All young people should be able to get an education.

This means going to school, uni or TAFE.



We want to make sure young people get the support they need at work.

4. Young people can speak up for themselves



We want to help young people to speak for themselves.



Young people know best what is important to them.



We want them to be able to tell others what they want and need.



What we want to do

Young people should be able to tell the community more often

- What is important to them
- What they need



Young people should be part of making decisions about things that have to do with them.

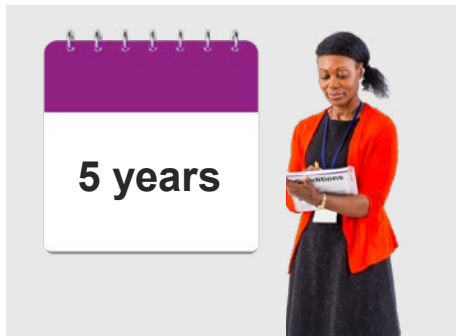


We want to make sure they get the support they need to make their own decisions.

Making sure the plan works



We will keep talking to young people and the community about the plan.



When the plan ends after 5 years we will look at how things went.



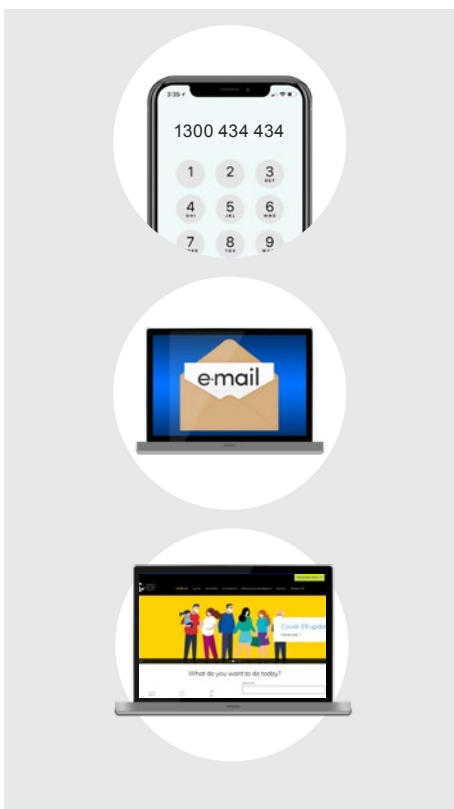
We will talk to young people to see

- What we did well
- What still needs to change
- What new things are important to them.

Contact



You can contact us if you want to know more about the plan.



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