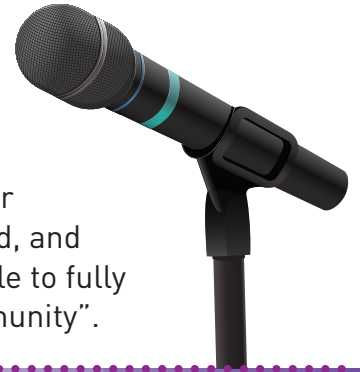


YOUTH VOICES IN NSW AND THE ACT

Anglicare NSW South, NSW West & ACT wanted to be involved in *Youth Voices* because we are passionate about enabling our service users to have a strong voice in matters that affect them. *Youth Voices* is a channel for capturing the views of young people, taking advantage of new technologies that young people use, to inform our work and help provide advice to government agencies. We believe this project can lead to more accurate, relevant

and effective service design decisions and policies to promote young people's interests, rights, and welfare.

As a staff member said, "This is not 'research' – this is consulting and engaging with children and young people so their lived experience is valued, and empowering young people to fully participate in their community".



“ I myself needed support around the start of this year when I was kicked out of home. Luckily I had help ... to help me move forward and get the help that was needed. It was a tough time for myself and I was very confused with what to do but [my organisation] showed me how to handle things properly and which path to take. ”

“ I needed help finding a home for my son and I, along with my partner. The school helped me and are supporting me with finding a home for us all. ”

“ Well when I needed help with being suicidal I was too embarrassed to tell my family and I built all that stress up till my friends started to notice me changing and then they helped me out and it felt really good. ”

“ When I first started at my new school I had girl troubles, my mind was always asking questions wanting someone to share my life with but one of the youth workers was really helpful and got me on track and helped me focus on my school work instead of love life. ”



INTERESTED IN YOUR YOUNG PEOPLE TAKING PART IN THE SURVEY?

It's not too late! The survey period will be open until the end of September. Please contact Leanne Wood at 07 3838 7553 if you'd like more information or email lwood@anglicaresq.org.au



Social Responsibilities Committee

Ethics

Youth Voices has ethics approval from the Anglicare Southern Qld Human Research Ethics Committee (ECO0341) for the participation of young people/children from the age of 10 years+; young people from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds; and young people in detention. Participants have given specific permission for the experiences and 'headlines' provided here to be shared.

