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Introduction

This Summit plan has been developed by the YACSA team using the information we gathered from our members at the Summit event in May 2017.

The plan contains a range of issues, outcomes, actions, campaigns and responses that will contribute to addressing the concerns and solutions provided by YACSA members in the two main focus areas of employment/unemployment/underemployment and housing and homelessness. Work to address sector sustainability has also been included and was developed by the team from the responses provided by Summit delegates on the feedback sheet at the event.

There are some actions that depend on the results of work previously undertaken against each issue so the subsequent action has been left deliberately ambiguous. YACSA members will be kept informed about progress against the plan and any additional work that is inspired by the issues contained in this plan.

Collaboration and partnerships

We will work with member organisations to ensure that our work corresponds with and compliments the work of our members and that our work is effective, has an impact and doesn't replicate existing work. We will also identify potential collaborators and build relationships with both members and other organisations and stakeholders in the youth sector and wider community sector.

Communication

Members will receive a monthly update (at the beginning of each month) presenting the Summit work that the team will be working on and any opportunities for our members to join in and contribute.

We will present an update of work completed so far will at YACSA's 2017 annual general meeting (including in our annual report) to let you know how we're progressing and how our work has impacted on the critical issues identified by our members.

Next steps

This plan is designed to be read in conjunction with the YACSA Summit 2017 Report for explanations about the genesis of the Summit, the process and further detail about the information gathered from our members.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or you want to be involved in any of the work in this plan please get in touch!

Employment/unemployment

Employment

Issue: Stagnant employment market.

Outcome: Identify potential solutions & promote.

- (1) Research project to explore how other jurisdictions have addressed youth employment and publish.
- (2) Promote/action solutions from findings.

Underemployment

Issue: The impact of casual work and underemployment on young people.

Outcome: Highlight the issue and promote.

- (1) Research project on the extent of casualisation and underemployment amongst young people in SA and explore the likely impact as this generation grows older.
- (2) Promote/action solutions from findings.

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Issue: Pathways to employment.

Outcome: Increased opportunities for young people to gain experience and employment in the youth sector.

- (1) Identify member organisations existing formal policies and processes for young people to gain experience and employment in their own organisations and wider sector (for example; work experience, student placements, graduate positions and traineeships).
- (2) Identify gaps and highlight best practice
- (3) Promote actions.

Unemployment

Issue: High rate of unemployment for 15-24 year olds.

Outcome: Highlight the issue and change the discourse.

- (1) Source and analyse monthly stats and chart trends.
- (2) Interview young people about their experiences of unemployment and breaking into the employment market.
- (3) Use above to tailor messaging to different audiences to reduce stigma and change the narrative.
- (4) Use above to challenge current government policy/programs/approach to unemployment.

Housing and homelessness

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Issue: Private rental

Outcome: Young people are aware of their rights and resources.

- (1) Interview young people about their experience of finding, securing and leaving private rental.
- (2) Research and collate existing resources and publish.
- (3) Identify gaps and explore/promote solutions.
- (4) Share young people's stories of the experience of private rental.

Housing and homelessness

Issue: Access to emergency accommodation

Outcome: Advocate in an area of need, access to suitable, emergency accommodation.

- (1) Based on available data, identify an area of need.
- (2) Plan, promote and facilitate a forum with key stakeholders and identify solutions.
- (3) Promote/action solutions from step 2.

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Issue: Access to community housing.

Outcome: Young people are aware of and have fair access to community housing.

- (1) Document community housing responses from summiteers.
- (2) Distribute document and discuss with members with community housing stock and refine.
- (3) Meet with Community Housing Council of South Australia (CHCSA) to discuss and identify solutions and potential collaboration.
- (4) Promote outcomes.

The sector

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Issue: Sector sustainability.

Outcome: Promote and celebrate our sector.

- (1) Plan and promote a social media campaign.



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