

### **Young people give their say on education in Tasmania**

Tasmanian young people will contribute their ideas on how the State can improve its low rate of educational attainment at the Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) Learning and Education Youth Forum today.

Young people, aged 12-25, will travel from across Tasmania to provide their input into topics including staying in school, where to go for advice, overcoming barriers to education and access to information so that young people can be better supported to achieve their education goals in a way that works for them.

Joanna Siejka, CEO of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), said, "We want to hear from young people on education, attainment, learning and all that this encompasses. Often this topic is talked about from every other angle without asking them for their own solutions on how to improve outcomes for young Tasmanians."

The Forum is part of wider consultation of Tasmanian young people on the topic of education, which includes an online survey. The survey will remain open until the end of November 2015. The results of the Forum and the Survey will inform a comprehensive report with findings for decision makers, and feed directly into the reforms in education in Tasmania.

The TYF Learning and Education Forum will be held at the Door of Hope, Launceston from 10am to 3.15pm on Wednesday 4 November 2015. Industry representatives, decision makers and interested parties are invited to observe the 'Solutions' session of the Forum which will begin at 1:50pm

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