

# YOUTH ETHICS FRAMEWORK FOR TASMANIA

## Code of Ethics for the Tasmanian Youth Sector

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### Primary client

The primary client of a youth sector worker is the young person.

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### Ecological and structural influences

A youth sector worker recognises the impact of ecological and structural influences on young people. The work of youth sector workers needs to take into consideration the environment and context in which young people live.

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### Equity

Youth sector workers will actively seek to support young people with experience of social disadvantage and/or exclusion. A youth sector worker will be non discriminatory in their practice and mindful of cultural diversity.

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### Empowerment

A youth sector worker seeks to empower the young person by beginning with the belief that young people are competent in assessing and acting on their interests.

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### Duty of Care

A youth sector worker avoids exposing young people to the likelihood of foreseeable harm, injury or exploitation.

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### Anti-Corruption

A youth sector worker will seek to ensure that those who work with young people will not advance themselves at the expense of young people.

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### Transparency

The relationship between a youth sector worker and young person will be open and truthful.

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### Confidentiality

Information provided by young people will be respected; they will be made aware of the limits to confidentiality, and, where possible, their permission sought for disclosure.

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### Cooperation

A youth sector worker will actively cooperate with others in order to secure the best possible outcomes for young people.

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### Knowledge

A youth sector worker has a responsibility to keep up to date with the current information, resources, knowledge and practices needed to meet their obligations to young people.

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### Self-awareness

A youth sector worker will be conscious of their own values, interests and limitations, and will also be respectful of the values and interests of others.

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### Boundaries

The relationship between a youth sector worker and a young person is a professional relationship with clear boundaries that is intentionally limited to protect the young person. Youth sector workers will behave in a way that is consistent with these boundaries.

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### Self-care

Good youth sector work practice is consistent with preserving the health and wellbeing of youth sector workers.

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### Professional awareness

A youth sector worker is committed to the development of a strong youth sector that is able to support young people as they transition to adulthood. They will be aware of the strengths and diversity of young people as well as those that support them.

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