



Young Tasmanians Have their Say on Cyber Bullying and Online Behaviour

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One hundred and seventy young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years will be travelling to Launceston today to voice their concerns, contribute ideas and create solutions at the 2019 Tasmanian Youth Forum (TYF) *'Your Online Environment.'*

With key findings from the event used to inform future policy directions for Tasmania, attendance at this year's forum is predicted to reach an all time high.

Tania Hunt, CEO of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) said, "This years' topic *'Your Online Environment'* will explore the use, behavior and safety of young people online. Emphasis will be placed on cyber bullying and cyber abuse, digital protection and reputation, digital literacy and online safety'.

TYF 2019 seeks to provide young people with a platform to identify issues that relate to their online environment, both positive and negative.

"With proposed changes to the Criminal Code Act 1924 to prosecute cyber bullies, TYF 2019 will provide young people with the opportunity to discuss cyber bullying and contribute ideas for combating this issue in our community." Ms Hunt said.

"TYF continues to attract a high level of interest from young Tasmanians, which clearly shows that young people value the opportunity to have their voices heard and contribute to solutions".

An online survey will be launched after the Forum to provide more young Tasmanians with the opportunity to share their concerns and ideas.

The Forum and survey results will be presented in a formal report to Government and key Tasmanian decision makers for consideration in future policy development processes.

TYF 2019 *Your Online Environment* will be held at the Tailrace Centre Launceston from 10am – 3.30pm on Friday 7 June 2019.

Industry representatives, decision makers and interested parties are invited to observe the 'solutions' session of the Forum which will begin at 1:45pm.



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