

OUR FUTURE. OUR VOICE. OUR IMPACT.

Youth Week Tasmania 2019 Young people take centre stage

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Youth Week Tasmania 2019 is set to celebrate the achievements and talents of young people, as well as highlight the powerful impact that young people have on their communities.

With events running state-wide from Wednesday 10 April – Wednesday 17 April young people will have the chance to attend twilight festivals, robotics workshops, outdoor cinemas and even a busking competition.

Jaspah, aged 13 said 'Youth Week is important because it brings heaps of people together and makes them not feel alone. You can also go to a variety of activities and meet new people'.

Youth Week Tasmania aims to provide young people aged 12-25 with the opportunity to celebrate being a young person in Tasmania and to showcase their talents and skills. It also aims to recognise the contributions young people make to our local communities, and provides a platform for young people to voice their opinion on issues that are important to them.

It's also about having fun and enjoying the many activities on offer. Many Youth Week Tasmania events are organised by young people, for young people.

Youth Network of Tasmania, CEO Tania Hunt said 'Youth Week Tasmania is an important event for young people in our community. It provides a sense of community connectedness and sends a strong message that young people are valued.'

'With the voice of young people so often overlooked in decision making, Youth Week Tasmania provides an important opportunity to listen and learn from young people in our communities.' Ms Hunt said. 'We have some extraordinary, talented, passionate and inspirational young people working to make positive changes in our communities. This year's theme is Our Future. Our Voice. Our Impact. is quite fitting.'

Youth Week Tasmania is supported by the Tasmanian Government Youth Week Tasmania grants program coordinated by the Department of Communities Tasmania.

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For a full calendar of events visit https://www.ynot.org.au/ywt

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