

TYF 2020 Frequently Asked Questions...

When? Friday 30 October, 9am-12:30pm

Where? TYF is Free, statewide and ONLINE for 2020

Who? All young Tasmanians aged 12-25 years

Topic: Building a Better Tasmania for Young People

1. When will registrations open?

Registrations are opening very soon. We will announce this via our Facebook page, website and email. The easiest way to hear is to subscribe to the [TYF mailing list](#) or contact Jo at tyf@ynot.org.au to register your interest.

2. How does the registration work?

There will be three options to register: Single device group, multiple device group or as an individual.

Single device group: A teacher, youth worker, adult or young person nominates themselves as the central contact. We will ask for your organisation name, group leader name and email, group participant names, ages, suburb and the ICT you will be using. Group sizes should be no larger than 6 young people for a single device. Organisations can register up to two single device groups.

Multiple device group: As above, but we will ask for email addresses and ICT for each participant. This is so we can send the event links and details to everyone. Organisations are limited to 10 participants.

Individual: For any young person who is joining us outside school. We will ask for their name, age, suburb and email address.

3. What if I have more who want to attend?

Contact Jo at tyf@ynot.org.au. We have a waiting list and will offer more places if they are available.

4. How will group work be managed?

This will be managed according to participant's ages and ICT. We know that discussions and activities need to be planned differently for single and multiple device groups, and for different ages.

5. What exactly will be discussed?

We want young people to tell us what they need to thrive post-COVID and achieve their goals. This year we will have a strong focus on discussing the barriers, challenges and solutions to their education, employment and transitioning to work. However, we also plan to cover many other topics young people think is important including mental health and wellbeing, transport and climate change. The program is being codesigned with a youth focus group and steering committee.

6. Will the event be audio/video recorded?

No. Therefore, participants do not require an image or media release form to attend.

7. How are you recording the information?

The forum will be hosted via ZOOM. We will use interactive programs including Slido and Google Docs for young people to anonymously participate and share their ideas. TYF facilitators and volunteers will also help take notes to capture the key themes and solutions of the discussions.

8. What will you do with the information from TYF?

We will prepare a report with the key findings and recommendations identified by young people. No personal or identifying information will be used. The report will be distributed to government and key decision makers in February 2021; previous TYF reports are available on the YNOT website.

9. Is there a purpose to the report?

Absolutely! Apart from the opportunity for young people to be heard on key youth affairs, the TYF report will be used by YNOT to inform our upcoming advocacy work and policy submissions, including:

- The Tasmanian Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy (in development)
- The Premier's Economic and Social Recovery Advisory Council (PESRAC) Stage Two consultation
- YNOT's 2021-22 Budget Priority submission to Department of Treasury
- Department of Education Years 9-12 Project

10. Will TYF be an engaging event?

YES! We are designing TYF to be as engaging as possible. We will be using interactive activities, games and youth led discussions to do our best to have everyone participate, feel involved and have fun. Online engagement can be tricky, which is why we have young people helping along the way! The official program will be announced closer to the event.

11. Do I need to pay for any software to participate?

No, there will be no cost to participate. All software has free access for general use. Participants will be sent a 'how to' instructional guide before the event to let them know what software they will need to access during the event.

12. Do I have to attend if I register my group or students?

No. TYF is for young people to have their say, so adults are not required to log in or facilitate. YNOT advises organisations and adults to supervise their participants externally and support them to be involved. If you would like to volunteer and support our TYF facilitators and group discussions, contact Jo at tyf@ynot.org.au.

13. Are parent/guardian consent forms needed?

It depends.

- Public school (Department of Education, DoE) participants do not require a consent form to attend at this stage. Our program is being codesigned with DoE to ensure that we are meeting their online privacy, safety and security requirements.
- Independent and Catholic schools may require a consent form, but this depends on the individual school's online safety policy. YNOT can provide a parent/guardian consent form on request. Contact Jo at tyf@ynot.org.au to discuss your needs.
- Youth groups and individuals (non-school) require a consent form for participants under the age of 16. We will send this to you when you register.

On registration you will receive a parent/guardian information form to share with participant's families. This is to inform them of TYF, YNOT and how to opt out of the event if needed.

14. How will you manage behaviour if someone is acting inappropriately?

Youth workers will have a behaviour management procedure. Group work discussions (Breakout rooms) will be run by a TYF facilitator and supervised by an experienced youth worker or teacher who nominates to be involved. All adult volunteers will have a behaviour management procedure and central contact person to troubleshoot behaviour. In the instance of serious misconduct, the participant will be immediately removed from the event and contacted externally.

Young people will be asked to acknowledge the TYF Code of Conduct to register.

15. What will you do if there is a concern for someone's personal safety or mental health?

We have a team of highly trained youth workers who are resourced to support young people who may be experiencing distress. In the unlikely scenario of a young person displaying at risk behaviour, or if they request support, they will be directly connected with a qualified youth mental health clinician.

16. Does the event meet online safety requirements?

All YNOT staff, youth workers and youth facilitators are required to hold a current and valid WWVP (TAS) or WWCC (VIC) card. Smaller group work discussions (Zoom breakout rooms) will be managed to ensure young people of appropriate ages are working together.

17. What if I have more questions?

Visit the YNOT website: www.ynot.org.au and [check out our event page](#).

Alternatively contact Jo at tyf@ynot.org.au. or call 03 6223 5511.