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Youth Navigators to help young Tasmanians find their path

The Youth Employment Alliance, an initiative of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) will today launch the Youth Navigators Program. The program is a 12-month pilot to support 2020 Tasmanian school leavers to navigate work, education and training in a COVID changed world.

COVID-19 has been especially devastating for the 1,100 young Tasmanians who completed Year 12 in 2020. This group will encounter a jobs, university and vocational training landscape that has changed in ways never imagined.

Youth Navigators are youth specialists who will provide tailored, holistic and targeted support to 2020 school leavers to transition to further education, training or jobs following the pandemic.

Youth Navigators will draw on the strengths of experienced not for profit organisations and local industry.

YNOT CEO, Tania Hunt, said “Youth Navigators will play an important role in supporting 2020 school leavers into education, training and employment. Plan ‘A’ didn’t work out as intended for many school leavers impacted by COVID-19, and additional support is needed to help identify alternative pathways and opportunities to achieve their goals.”

Colony 47 will implement the project in collaboration with Youth Employment Alliance members across the state, commencing with Workskills/Impact Communities (south), yourtown (north), and Youth, Family and Community Connections (north-west).

Colony 47 Partnerships Manager, Nick Probert said, “We need a team approach to solve this issue and that is what we are doing, using organisations best placed around the state to employ Youth Navigators to ensure the best outcomes for young people.”

Youth Navigators is a pilot program developed by the Youth Employment Alliance (Alliance). An initiative of YNOT, the Alliance is a unique collaboration of experienced youth focused services that recognise urgent action is required to support our 2020 school leavers into further education, training and employment. Members include the Beacon Foundation, Colony 47, Launceston City Mission, The

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Link Youth Health Service/headspace Hobart, Workskills/Impact Communities, Your Town, Youth, Family and Community Connections and young people.

YNOT is the peak body for young people aged 12-25 years and the non-government youth sector in Tasmania. YNOT works to ensure policies affecting young people in Tasmania are relevant, equitable and effective and that young people have a voice on issues that matter to them.

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