

South East Youth Engagement Project

Project Statement

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT) has been engaged by the Sorell Council and Tasmanian Community Fund to undertake an extensive consultation of young people 12-19 years and community in the South East. The consultation will inform the development of a project that aims to improve youth participation by helping young people feel supported, connected and engaged in their local communities.

Who do you want to speak to?

We want to speak to anyone who lives, works, studies or regularly travels to and utilises services and/or recreational facilities in the Sorell, Tasman and Glamorgan-Spring Bay Council areas including: Bicheno, Swansea, Triabunna, Orford, Sorell, Midway Point, Forcett, Carlton, Lewisham, Dodges Ferry, Primrose Sands, Copping, Dunalley, Nubeena – and everywhere in between!

We especially want to hear from you if you are:

- a young person aged 12-19 years
- working with young people
- interested in supporting young people to engage positively in the community.

What will you ask me?

To understand the barriers, challenges, needs and opportunities in the South East, we want to hear your thoughts and ideas on the following questions:

1. What do you think young people 12-19 years like about living in the South East and why?
2. What do you think is the biggest issue facing young people 12-19 years in the South East and why?
3. What do you think would make the South East a better place for young people 12-19 years to live and why?

We will also ask you to share your age, gender identity and the suburb you live in.

You will not be personally identified by participating in the project unless you give us permission to do so. However, we advise that you do not share anything that you aren't comfortable with having other people, including your friends or family, know about you in group workshops. We can provide alternative ways for you to provide feedback if you wish to remain anonymous.

What is the prize draw?

Young people who participate in the project can choose to enter the draw for up to \$2,000 of prizes. Terms and conditions are provided on our website ynot.org.au.

- **Major Prize:** a mobile phone, computer, tablet or other electronic device to support learning or community participation up to the value of \$1,500.
- **Minor Prize:** 10 x \$50 pre-paid Mastercard gift vouchers.

How will my information be used?

Your feedback collected will be compiled into a report with key findings and recommendations. A summary of the consultation findings will be shared with participants at the end of the project.

Any personal information provided by you will be held in confidence. Quotes may be used attributed to your gender, age, and/or suburb.

An email address is required to enter the prize draw and to be notified of the project outcomes. These details will be stored separately to workshop feedback, and deleted on completion of the project.

Consent Forms will be scanned and stored on an Australian-based server managed by YNOT, accessible only to YNOT personnel. Consent forms are not used for any purpose other than to obtain consent to participate or to contact a parent or guardian in the event of an emergency. These will be stored for a minimum of seven (7) years by YNOT in accordance with obligations set by the Personal Information Protection Act (TAS) 2004.

What else should I know?

Your participation is voluntary and you can choose to withdraw from an activity or discussion at any time and you are not required to give an explanation as to why. If you feel uncomfortable during a conversation, we encourage you to let a YNOT staff member or trusted adult know.

YNOT is committed to child safety and wellbeing, and complies with obligations set by the [Tasmanian Government Child and Youth Safe Organisations Framework](#). In Tasmania, mandatory reporting requirements are outlined in the *Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act 1997*. If a disclosure or observation is made that raises concern for the safety, wellbeing or welfare of a child, YNOT will report this to the [Strong Families, Safe Kids – Advice and Referral Line](#) on 1800 000 123 in the first instance. Relevant authorities will be contacted where required.

All YNOT staff hold a valid Working with Vulnerable People registration and have completed mandatory Safeguarding Training packages required by the [Department of Education, Children and Young People \(DECYP\)](#).

How can I contact YNOT?

More information about the Project is available at ynot.org.au.

If you have any questions, contact YNOT Project Manager Jo Horton at jo@ynot.org.au or call 0488 235 511.

If you would like to provide feedback on your experience, you can contact submit a response online at <https://www.ynot.org.au/who-we-are/contact>.

If you have any concerns or would like to make a complaint, please contact YNOT CEO Tania Hunt at ceo@ynot.org.au or call 0427 466 189.

South East Youth Engagement Project Consent Form

YNOT requires you to consent to participate in this consultation. Please ensure you have read and understood the Project Statement. If you're under the age of 18, we also require your parent or guardian to consent to participate.

By signing below, I consent to participate in the South East Youth Engagement Project.

I confirm that:

- I have read and understood the Project Statement.
- I understand what I am being asked to participate in.
- I understand that participation is voluntary, and I can withdraw from the project at any time.
- I understand what I say may be shared or published but it will not identify me.
- I understand the project team will take notes based on my feedback and participation. I can request a copy of the notes recorded at the workshop.
- I understand I will be contacted by the project team following the workshop to share the outcomes of participating in the project.
- I understand YNOT may use my contributions as quotes attributed to age, gender and/or suburb for this project or other future YNOT work, but I will not be personally identified.
- I understand all data will be securely kept by the project team in accordance with obligations set by the Personal Information Protection Act (TAS) 2004.

Full name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Suburb: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Consent (if you are under 18 years)

By signing, I consent for my child/ward (listed above) to participate as described.

Full name: _____

Relationship to participant: _____ Mobile No: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Information will be used by YNOT staff only and held in confidence.