

Media Release

Members of the Tasmanian Youth Employment Alliance back calls for a taskforce to help shape the Youth Jobs Strategy

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Members of the Tasmanian Youth Employment Alliance have thrown their support behind the Beacon Foundation and TCCI who are calling for the State Government to establish a taskforce to help guide the development of the States first ever Youth Jobs Strategy.

The Youth Employment Alliance, an initiative of the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), is a unique collaboration of experienced youth focused services, that work collectively to elevate the voices of young Tasmanians 15-25 years in addressing barriers to economic participation and further education and training in Tasmania.

Collectively, YNOT, Colony 47, Beacon Foundation, Workskills, Migrant Resource Centre, yourtown, and Launceston City Mission urge the Government to introduce a taskforce with broad representation from community to help inform strategic direction and priority action under the Youth Jobs Strategy. A taskforce would also play a pivotal role in supporting the implementation of, and ensuring accountability for, the Strategy.

Workskills Tasmania CEO, Mr. Pat Kluver said “Tasmanians get the best outcomes when we all work together to create change. There is clear energy and commitment, across government, community and industry, to improving outcomes for young people in Tasmania. A cross-sectoral taskforce would serve to harness this energy and maximise the impact of the Youth Jobs Strategy”.

YNOT CEO, Ms. Tania Hunt said “The issues impacting the economic participation of young people are complex and involve a diverse range of stakeholders. The establishment of a Taskforce would strengthen cross sectoral and cross agency collaboration and integration which is critical to the success of this Strategy”.

“Importantly, young people must be front and centre in the development, implementation and evaluation of this Strategy”. Ms Hunt said.

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