

## MEDIA ALERT: Call for governments to prioritise the care and housing needs of children and young people to end youth homelessness

## INTERVIEW & PHOTO OPPORTUNITY 10:30am TOMORROW (Wednesday 16 April 2025)

The Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), the peak body for young people aged 12-25 years, is joining forces with young Tasmanians and key advocacy groups including TasCOSS for <u>National Youth Homelessness Matters Day</u> to urge governments at all levels to act as a matter of urgency to combat the youth homelessness scourge.

Young Tasmanian, Jonas Flanagan (22) will speak to his lived experience of homelessness and the positive impact securing a Youth to Independence (Y2I) tenancy, combined with wrap around support, has had on his life trajectory and career aspirations.

In Tasmania, a staggering 39% of the homeless population is under the age of 25.

Governments need to urgently prioritise the care and housing needs of children and young people by developing a plan to end youth homelessness and funding the services needed to achieve this objective.

## WHO:

- Young Tasmanian, Jonas Flanagan (22)
- Youth Network of Tasmania CEO, Ms Tania Hunt
- TasCOSS CEO, Ms Adrienne Picone

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WHERE: Franklin Square, Hobart 7000

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