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YOUTH PARTICIPATION WORKERS' NETWORK

'Walking the Talk'- Exploring the effectiveness of youth reference groups

DATE

Friday 30th March 2007

TIME

9.30am-1.30pm

VENUE

Department for Victorian Communities
Level 15, 1 Spring St
Melbourne, 3000

RSVP

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by Monday 26th March 2007

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COST

\$20 (includes lunch & beverages)

Please feel free to bring information about your service to share with others. There will be a stand upon which brochures can be placed.

The Youth Participation Workers' Network was established in March 2006 in response to an identified need for workers in different organisations to discuss best practice issues for youth participation. Workers from a range of organisations in metropolitan Melbourne have met bi-monthly, exploring issues such as youth reference groups, recruitment, support and retention of young people involved in programs.

We are now keen to broaden the discussion to people interested statewide in exploring how we can create meaningful opportunities for young people to participate. As we are aware of many organisations establishing or seeking to establish youth reference groups, we thought this topic would be a good starting point.

This will be an opportunity to hear from workers and young people from a number of organisations about their own experiences of youth reference groups, particularly focusing on some of the successes and challenges of youth reference groups as a model of youth participation. Attendees will have the opportunity through panels and group discussion to explore the themes and issues raised, and to apply these to their own practice.

PRESENTERS

Roger Holdsworth, Youth Research Centre, The University of Melbourne

Bella Burns, Youth Participation Worker, ORYGEN Youth Health

Monique Michell-Moylan, Hobsons Bay City Council

Youth Reference Group members, Youth Affairs Council of Victoria

Jane McNally, Australian Red Cross