

Background

The Federal Government has committed funding over three years (2012–2015) for the establishment of a multicultural youth specialist organisation in NSW – MYAN NSW. This organisation will support young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds, with a focus on Greater Western Sydney. This is part of a larger commitment to fund a national approach to youth settlement through the Multicultural Youth Advocacy Network (MYAN) Australia. The funding has been provided in recognition of the high number of young people settling in the Greater Western Sydney area, and the need to strengthen youth settlement service provision.

What is MYAN NSW?

MYAN NSW is a network of services committed to improving the opportunities and outcomes for multicultural young people in NSW. Our aim is to strengthen the ability of young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds to settle well through stronger participation in work, school, family and community. We will develop, strategies, policies and resources that seek to address the particular needs of young people from refugee and migrant backgrounds at the local, regional and state levels.

What does MYAN NSW do?

MYAN NSW engages in a range of activities to achieve this, including: sector development forums, training workshops, conference presentations, policy submissions, fact sheets, reports, contributing to research, and training and developing young people as advocates.

How is the current MYAN NSW new?

The current MYAN NSW will lead to the establishment of an independent multicultural youth-specific organisation for NSW, with an emphasis on Greater Western Sydney. This is supported through a partnership between organisations with expertise in refugee and migrant settlement, and working with young people, using sport as one of the tools of engagement. These organisations are:

Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY)

CMY is a Victorian organisation supporting young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds. CMY is the auspice for MYAN Australia, providing a leadership and mentoring role for MYAN NSW.

Greater Western Sydney GIANTS

The GWS Giants are the 18th club in the AFL competition. The GIANTS have developed community partnerships and programs to engage the diverse communities of Greater Western Sydney.

Youth Action

Youth Action is the peak community group working in the interests of young people and youth services in NSW.

MYAN NSW Advisory Group

In addition to the formal partners, MYAN NSW is guided by an Advisory Group, comprised of key stakeholders, including representatives of local settlement and/or youth organisations including STARTTS, St George Youth Service, Marrickville City Council.

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