



Vision
What do we want?

Young people are valued citizens who all have opportunities to develop their full potential.

Principles
What values inform our work?

- ~ The 'social determinants of health and wellbeing'.
- ~ Darebin's strategies reflect federal and state commitments.
- ~ Young people are citizens with rights.
- ~ Social inclusion is the right of all young people to participate
- ~ There is shared responsibility for youth services

Strategic Directions

What are we going to focus on to achieve our vision?

1: Council services will focus on 4 priority areas of:

- Health and Promotion,
- Recreation and Arts,
- Education and Training, and
- Information, Advocacy and Coordination.

We will:

- Develop Darebin Youth Services statement of principles
- Use participant data to inform service planning
- Work with a dynamic Youth Services Model
- Ensure staff qualifications support quality programs

2: Council will dedicate and attract resources.

We will:

- Maintain Council's commitment to youth services
- Apply for external funding to provide additional services
- Maintain capital contributions to youth services facilities
- Ensure staffing levels meet requirements of programs

3: Collaboration to meet the needs of young people.

We will:

- Ensure young people are a key consideration of Council
- Foster collaboration across Council on youth issues
- Build connections for gender specific opportunities
- Engage civic leaders in youth issues
- Encourage local agency collaborations

4: Clear voice for young people.

We will:

- Communicate to increase the participation of young people
- Youth Summit will inform the local and regional youth sector
- Establish the Darebin Youth Advisory group
- Young people to participate in Council's advisory structures

5: Council will lead collaborative planning.

We will:

- Facilitate networking of youth services across Darebin
- Improve local based planning for youth services
- Local service mapping
- Identify issues and planned responses