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New online resource for the youth sector

The Foundation for Young Australians has today launched What Works, an online resource that celebrates the work of youth-led organisations across the country and highlights best practice in running them successfully.

Dr Lucas Walsh, Director of Research at The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), says, “This resource gives us an in-depth and national picture of what works in the youth sector. What Works will be a valuable tool for youth workers, teachers, researchers, community workers, local council members and, most importantly, for the young people they work with.”

“Now easily accessible online, this research involved hundreds of interviews and focus groups with a diverse group of people working in the youth sector. The resulting case studies paint a compelling picture of how we can build better youth-led organisations in Australia.”

A total of 36 youth-led organisations are profiled, working in community partnerships nationwide to tackle problems ranging from disengagement from school, cross-cultural conflict, substance abuse, social exclusion, boredom and vandalism through to migrant settlement, racism and Australia’s response to climate change.

The series is made up of three separate reports. *Partnerships in the Youth Sector*, focuses on youth organisations in collaboration with the business and legal sectors, community organisations and schools. *Young People Active in Communities*, investigates keeping young people involved and motivated in community service, political lobbying and social change initiatives. *Inclusive Approaches with Young People*, looks at helping marginalised groups of young people to reconnect with their communities.

What Works was commissioned by FYA, produced by the Australian Youth Research Centre at The University of Melbourne and compiled and edited by Fiona Taylor and Michael Kimberley.

View or download What Works at www.fya.org.au/what-we-do/research/what-works/

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