

Young Mayor's Youth Forum Vision statements

Wollongong 2023/24

This document outlines the 2023/24 Youth Forum vision statements. They are guiding principles that the Youth Forum refers to when considering new projects or initiatives.

The vision

Safety

A Wollongong where all young people feel safe physically and mentally regardless of identity or presentation.

Health

A Wollongong where young people can make empowered choices around the 5 dimensions of health (social, physical, emotional, mental, spiritual). Health services are affordable and distributed equitably.

Equity

All young people and their experiences are valued, respected and taken into consideration regarding decisions that affect them.

Education:

A Wollongong where the education system is freed of prejudice. Young people's chosen career paths are respected and nurtured.

Jobs and the economy

A Wollongong where adequate opportunities are provided and young people have the agency and resources to access them.

Transport

Public transport is safe, affordable and accessible to people of all circumstances and abilities.

mid term priorities

These are the revised priorities set by the Youth Forum at the midpoint of their term in office. They were made with consideration of the above vision statements and do not override them. They should be considered as a further targeting of specific issues to move towards the vision of Wollongong the Forum hopes to one day see.

These priorities were made with consultation of students at Five Islands Secondary College and with consideration of previous years “Speak Share Change” consultations created by students across multiple high schools with Wollongong Youth Services.

The priorities

Youth Poverty

This includes tackling the many ways poverty manifests for young people, inc. food and period poverty

Youth health

Health understood as five dimensions of health, inc. mental, physical, spiritual, emotional, sexual health

Safety

Focusing on young people being safe to exist in public whilst expressing themselves without having hate crimes inflicted on them