

Armadale Youth CAN (Collaborative Action Network) Meeting minutes

12 th Armadale Youth CAN Meeting		
9.22.2016	10:00am – 12:00pm	City of Armadale, Function Room
Chair	Ashleigh Tapper – Community Development Officer - Youth, City of Armadale	
Co-Chair	Karina Chicote – Manager of Place-Based Strategies, Save the Children	
Minute taker	Ashleigh Tapper - CoA	
Apologies	Charmaine Porter (Communicare), Amanda Kacperek (Corrective Services), Tess Lau (Hope CS), Amanda Burrows (Red Cross), Hannah Woodward (SCA), Steve Dyson (SCA), Dee Hall (WAPOL), Kim Bryce (WAPOL) Kaitlyn Traynor and Shingie Dumba (Mission Australia)	
Attendees (as below):		
Name	Position	Organisation
Wilmari Nel	Coordinator Community Development	City of Armadale
Alison Hurst	Intern from Notre Dame	Champion Centre
Courtney Fare	Team Leader – One Step Closer	Save the Children
Karina Chicote	Manager of Place Based Strategies	Save the Children
Jamie Barr	Coordinator Drug Aware Ignite Basketball	City of Armadale
Lee Hayes	Business Relationship Manager	Centacare
Adam OFael	Community member	
Jillian Betts	Community Development	Minnawarra House
Maria King	Work Placement	Minnawarra House
Jahjah Chou	Caseworker Armadale Y Time	YMCA
Naomi Lorkin	Community Engagement Officer	Headspace
Gemma Kerr	ETM	Department of Education
Acknowledgment of country, welcome and roundtable introductions		
10.00-10.10am	Ashleigh Tapper/ All	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AT opened the meeting and gave the welcome to country • The group gave round table introductions on their name, organisations and position (see list of attendees above) • AT gave brief overview of the meeting’s agenda and invited Karina Chicote from Save the Children and the YPP, co-chair of CAN, to start the meeting with the first agenda item. 		
PRESENTATION OF AYIP CO-DESIGN WORKSHOP FINDINGS		
	Karina Chicote	

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- KC presented the findings and results from the AYIP co-design workshop, many of which will govern future youth projects and focuses in Armadale.
- Feedback from the group was that the AYIP findings were fantastic, very informative, could be applied to all participating CAN organisations and were very much aligned with the CAN's "the Loft" project.
- JBe commented the need for more "hands on" youth work approach by agencies.
- JBa supported this with the notion from the AYIP experiences so far, young people need to know that the youth workers care and aren't just there for the two weeks or so, to do a job. Relationships are highly critical and prove to deliver great results and an establishment of trust with young people.
- JBa suggested it would be great to have Minnowarra House staff come along potentially to the school holiday program and develop positive, meaningful relationships with the young people that are damaging their building and being anti-social to break down these barriers and potentially decrease this behaviour.
- JBe shared that there was a need for a shared MOU to be able to share information on young people and clients between organisations.
- KC said that this issue needs to be progressed up the chain and said the Armadale Family Support Network was a great existing example of this.
- CF said that before that happens, as a first step and base level approach, all organisations need to have that positive first interaction with young people from day one.
- The group again raised the idea of holding a specific workshop to develop a set of shared principles and values for the Armadale CAN.
- KC to send these results for distribution to CAN.

THE LOFT – YOUTH SPACE CAN PROJECT

Ashleigh Tapper

FUNDING

- Two options are currently being explored. The first – SCA auspicing an application to Lotteryswest. The second, potentially creating a case to be pushed through CoA council. KC and AT to discuss this and try advocate for the best option. Letters of support and knowledge of each organisation's potential buy in to the project will be critical to accessing funding.

SUPPORT

- AT has received letters of support from Minnowarra House and Department of Education so far. AT asked all organisations that haven't yet got their letters of support in, to **please send them in asap** as this will be critical to applying for funding to progress the Loft.
- It was agreed that this project needed to be progressed through to the Regional Managers Forum and supported on a higher level than the CAN members to gain traction and progress.

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- General support indicated by CAN members so far (general and prior to MOU development and further discussions):
 - Minnowarra House – provision of staff or volunteers to staff the space and potential to run activities and programs from the space (i.e self-esteem workshops, counselling, homework club etc)
 - TBC Headspace – running programs from the space and providing resources.
 - DoE – will use the space to meet clients during school hours.
 - CoA – use of the space, funding towards the needed structural works on the space, provision of staff time for the drop-in zone.
 - TBC YMCA –Potential to run Y-Time from the space if that is where the greater need is. Potential to provide a staff member to staff the space on a roster for drop-in times.
 - TBC WAPOL – regular visits from YCIOs to the Loft for positive engagement with the youth.
 - TBC Mission Australia – contributing and discussing assisting to run the service.
- There are still quite a few key players who have yet to get in touch regarding how they may be able to support and contribute to this collaborative project.

DESIGN

- AT presented list of equipment, objects and needs for the space and asked CAN members to provide feedback on anything missing or unnecessary in addition to any other considerations.
- Comments included;
 - Need a landline phone for young people needing to make emergency calls or calls to jobs, service providers etc.
 - CAN members who will work from the space all agreed to bring their own laptops to work from and connect with the wifi rather than providing laptops for the staff to use.
 - Need to consider a high chair for the young people who may be young parents – implications of this?
 - Add board games in.
 - Grass carpets were voted out due to the impracticality and are hard to clean.
 - Chalkboard paint was suggested to add the interactive element.
 - Make sure there are enough USB ports and extension cords.
 - Suggestion to get a virtual reality headset – cutting edge technology.
- CAN agreed that the design should be governed by young people and a workshop should be held after creating the *Kaleidoscope Youth Group* – a combination of young people from all organisations existing networks eg; ignite leaders, save the children's one step leaders, Headspace YGR etc. Group agreed it should be in the actual space if possible and from 6.30 – 8.30 on a Thursday. Permission slips will need to be developed and youth as young as 8 involved as they will be using the Loft when it is ready. AT to email invitations around and CAN members to reply if they can get involved/ want to.

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Presentation by community member – Youth Den

Adam OFael

- AO gave presentation on vision and plans for future all-encompassing youth centre to be built in Armadale and asked CAN members for feedback.
- CAN members said it ties nicely into the Loft plan and the Loft is almost a smaller version pilot that if successful, will give great substance to any applications to create this larger version.
- AO keen to progress this regardless and welcomes feedback from CAN and other members. Comments it is beneficial he is not linked to any organisation or government as has the benefit of going past the red tape and politics.
- AO is seeking feedback and any links that may help this progress or guide the vision:
http://prezi.com/aiio_1oqqxq/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy

Wrap up, networking and next meeting...

- All CAN members were thanked for attending and their input.
- CAN members who have not yet raised the Loft with their management to do so and send through letters of support asap.
- Next meeting to be held on the 24th November 2016. Meeting request to come.