

Good morning Armadale Youth Collaborative Action Network,

On behalf of the YPP I would like to express a huge thank you for your ongoing involvement and support of the Armadale CAN this year. We have achieved some great accomplishments in 2016 together and built and strengthened relationships within our local youth sector and community. As we draw to the end of the year it is the perfect time to review the CAN and the Armadale Youth Network (AYN) in terms of their purpose, outcomes and future direction.

We recognise that the CAN meetings have been constantly evolving and not all projects have been relevant to the individual roles and requirements for each CAN member and organisation. We have also completed an analysis of the Armadale CAN and AYN attendance lists and this has shown that it is predominantly the same people attending these meetings, in addition to the Armadale Youth Intervention Partnership (AYIP). Upon reviewing the Armadale CAN Regional Action Plan it has become apparent that both AYN and AYIP are successful working groups that are achieving the actions we originally outlined to action in the CAN.

Therefore we would like to propose an idea to you all that would ensure all members of these groups are getting the most out of their time spent involved, in addition to increasing outcomes and making our collaborative work more effective.

I would like to propose that the **Armadale Youth Network becomes our main group**, still focusing on working collaboratively to achieve the best outcomes for our young people, with working groups stemming from this such as AYIP and 'the Loft' / National Youth Week etc working groups (which are aligned to the original CAN action plan). Merging these two concepts will also prevent us from doubling up working groups in our area.

The proposal:

1. CAN and AYN will amalgamate under the name of *Armadale Youth Network*.
2. AYIP will still operate as is and will be a standing agenda item at AYN.
3. "The Loft" will become a working group that meets separately to AYN though will also become a standing agenda item at AYN.
4. AYN can meet monthly instead of bi-monthly to keep that continuity going and be more effective.
5. AYN will continue to progress many of the actions outlined in the CAN regional action plan. (as below)

The Armadale Collaborative Action Network (which includes key AYIP partners) developed recommendations to enable better outcomes for young people. The attached document lists the recommendations which will form the **operational priorities of AYN and AYIP**.

Please have a read through this suggestion including the attached operational priorities for both AYIP and AYN and provide any feedback you may have.

The last Armadale Youth Network meeting is this Monday 12th December 10 – 12pm. If you are available to join us, this will be a great opportunity to discuss these changes and hear feedback.

We hope that we will be able to capitalise on the amazing work the Armadale CAN has achieved over the past two years and work smarter and more effectively in the new year to continue this great work.

I look forward to hearing your feedback on this notion.

Kind regards,

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