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Preston Culbong is inspired by young people and is working to create tomorrow's leaders. Picture: Martin Kennealey Click here to buy this photo (<http://www.communitypix.com.au/SearchForm.aspx?pn=d437277>)

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FOR Preston Culbong, life is all about creating stronger future leaders.

The 22-year-old started working with the Youth Partnership Project (YPP) last year and has enjoyed every minute of it.

The YPP is an initiative focused on supporting the South East Metropolitan's most vulnerable young people. It uses the voices of young people to help others.

Mr Culbong recently sat on the Youth Leadership Roundtable at the YPP summit, attended by more than 100 young people.

He said there had been several memorable moments since joining the YPP, but seeing so many young people engaged for the whole day was by far the best.

“They had heaps to contribute about how the services and representatives that work for young people need to improve for a better future,” he said.

“At the end of the day the greatest hope is that we work towards a better tomorrow for all young people now and in the future, and that youth perspective becomes a key aspect in their processes.”

He said he hoped to create tomorrow’s strong leaders

“I work in the field of community development and I hope by creating stronger future leaders with the skills to live in the 21st century, we can reverse the long process of colonisation and get back to a strong, resilient and proud culture of Australians,” he said.

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