



HOST YOUR OWN FORUM

OVERVIEW

The Prime Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd MP, recently announced the Government's intention to develop a National Strategy for Young Australians.

The Government's vision is for all young Australians to grow up safe, healthy, happy and resilient and to have the opportunities and skills they need to learn, work, engage in community life and influence decisions that affect them.

The Strategy will be developed in consultation with young Australians, their families, the youth sector, academics and the broader community through the National Conversation. The aim of this conversation is to ensure a widespread consultation, supported by the Australian Youth Forum (AYF).

Activities associated with the National Conversation will run from 22 October 2009. Please note, to ensure submissions from Host your Own Forums are included in the major event on 12 November, please send your submissions by 9 November 2009.

The Australian Government's Australian Youth Forum (AYF) is supporting the National Conversation by organising events and an online space for people to contribute their ideas. More information about the National Conversation can be found on the AYF website www.youth.gov.au/ayf.

YOUR FORUM

Thank you for making a contribution to the National Strategy for Young Australians, by hosting a forum in your community.

The suggested number of participants for a forum is between five and fifty, but the ideal number will depend on your location, support staff and any special needs of the participants.

The AYF Host Your Own Forum kit includes all the information you need to organise and run the event. The kit includes:

- How to Host Your Own Forum
- Event Registration Form
- Discussion topic starters
- Participant Registration Form
- Notes for Facilitator
- Notes for Scribe
- Publicity Consent Form
- Post Event Report Form.

The Host Your Own Forum kit is available on the AYF website www.youth.gov.au/ayf.