

# HOST YOUR OWN FORUM

## POST-EVENT REPORT

Name of Host Organisation/School	Port Augusta Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) @ Ranges Youth Centre, Port Augusta.
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Forum Location:	Ranges Youth Centre
Forum Date:	02/11/2009
Forum Time	4:00 – 5:30pm
Number of Participants	9 participants
Discussion Format and Event Structure	<p>The forum was facilitated following the Australian Youth Forum 'Discussion Topics and Starters' document from the 'Host your own Forum Kit'.</p> <p>The Port Augusta YAC members were encouraged to participate in this forum, and an invitation to attend was sent out via facebook to young people within the Port Augusta community.</p> <p>The forum was predominately attended by YAC members so it took on a similar structure to their standard meetings. There were two administrators present - one from Ranges Youth Centre, the other from Port Augusta City Council – who facilitated the forum. The conversation was led by the young people, with assistance from facilitators to simplify the language used in the documents and to clarify what was expected in relation to each question.</p>
Topics Discussed	<p>Main topics arising from the forum indicated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A need for focus on early intervention and prevention in all core priorities for action identified by the Prime Minister.</li><li>- The need for connecting with young people in a 'user friendly' and appealing way i.e. facebook.</li><li>- The need for more services to reach rural and remote locations.</li><li>- Importance of positive media coverage for young people; not always focussing on the negative.</li></ul> <p>* Forum Summary attached *</p>

Photography or images	N/A
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Comments or Recommendations	Forum documents would have received better response if they were user friendly to the target audience. It was aimed at young people, so use of their language would have made it easier for them to comprehend what was expected of them in addressing the questions.
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Yes  No

Please attach the following documents:

Participation Registration Form:

Attached

Forum Summary:

Attached

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