

The Hon Ros Spence MP Minister for Multicultural Affairs Minister for Community Sport Minister for Youth



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VICTORIAN YOUTH WEEK TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE STAY CONNECTED

Young people across the state are being supported to stay connected and showcase their creativity with Victorian Youth Week moving online.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence today announced a special month-long Victorian Youth Week will be held starting on November 15 with all events taking place online and in line with coronavirus restrictions.

We've listened carefully to young people and the youth sector, who have told us it's so important to provide safe spaces for young people to build social connections and engage in fun activities to support their health and wellbeing.

Earlier this year, the Victorian Government announced grants of up to \$2,000 for more than 100 community organisations, local councils and schools to engage young people in the planning and delivery of diverse and inclusive events and activities.

This year's month-long format recognises the significant challenges communities across Victoria have faced by providing more time for young people to redesign and adapt their events and activities for online.

For more information about Victorian Youth Week 2020, visit <u>youthcentral.vic.gov.au</u>.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence

"Young Victorians have shown incredible resilience this year - I have no doubt the events they create will showcase their creativity and passion to the wider community."

"The health and wellbeing of young people is front of mind at the moment and Victorian Youth Week provides an opportunity for young people to check in with each other."