

Media Release

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CELEBRATING YOUNG VICTORIANS

The Andrews Labor Government is backing young Victorians with funding for dozens of events during next month's Victorian Youth Week.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence today announced funding to support 97 Youth Week events and projects across the state from 26 June to 2 July. Youth Week celebrates the contributions, achievements and diverse experiences of Victorians aged between 12 and 25.

Victorian Youth Week is made possible by grants of up to \$2,000 to councils, community organisations and schools to host inclusive and accessible events.

One organisation to receive funding is Africause, which will host sports activities, a market and food stalls in Maribyrnong to celebrate young African-Australians.

Youth music organisation The Push will deliver an inaugural Music Careers Expo in Yarra City Council for 300 young Victorians interested in a career in the contemporary music industry, which will include keynote presentations, practical workshops, one-on-one consultations and a live music showcase.

Monash City Council will host the Monash Youth Leadership Forum, featuring a panel of graduates from the Young Women's and Young Men's Leadership Programs to discuss key issues impacting young people, and formally announce the Monash Rainbow Leadership Program.

Other Youth Week events this year include a Youth Politics Camp in Mansfield Shire Council, an Indigenous garden opening in Darebin City Council, a pop-up café project in Mount Alexander Shire Council, wheelchair football in Wyndham, and art and mental health workshops in both Melbourne and regional Victoria.

The events have all been developed in partnership with young people, for young people, and to showcase young Victorians' talents, dreams, and contributions to their local communities.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence

"As we recover from the pandemic, this year's Youth Week is more important than ever in helping young people to connect with each other."

"These events are driven by young people themselves and will be held all across Victoria – I'm proud to be part of such a diverse and exciting Youth Week."