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Expression of Interest open for Youth Week grants

Camden Council is calling for local youth services and community groups to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for partnership funding towards a project, activity or event to be held during National Youth Week from Friday 31 March to Sunday 9 April 2017.

Mayor of Camden Cr Lara Symkowiak said Council is seeking innovative projects that provide an opportunity for young people aged 12 to 25 to express their ideas and views on matters at a local level.

“We’re particularly interested in receiving EOIs to address youth needs and increase community awareness about topics that are important to local young people. We also want to highlight young people’s contributions to the local Camden community.”

“We’ve identified some core themes in the Camden 2040 plan and there are six directions that relate to Youth Week. Applications must address at least one of these six directions.”

“I invite all local members who work in youth services, young people and community groups to submit their applications and share their ideas to continue to grow youth opportunities and services within the Camden local area,” Cr Symkowiak said.

The six directions are:

- Facilitating community connections, inclusion, resilience and sense of belonging through the provision and support of a broad range of events, facilities, organisations and activities;
- Enhancing opportunities for full engagement in community, recreational and economic life for all people in the community through appropriate planning, consultation, services, activities and advocacy, with a particular focus on young people;

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- A commitment to a coordinated and early approach to the planning, funding and delivery of services from government, non-government agencies and local community organisations;
- Availability of up-to-date and easily accessible information about local services, facilities, groups and organisations to enable all residents to access the opportunities they need within their local community;
- Supporting and encouraging the shared use of facilities and spaces through the development of and provision of multi-purpose facilities and programs which create better value through the greater use, improved collaboration, and strong partnerships between organisations; and
- A commitment to effective partnerships and open communication between government, non-government agencies, local business and industry, community groups and organisations, and local residents to deliver coordinated and effective outcomes for the Camden area.

Applications close midnight on Friday 12th December 2016. Late applications will not be accepted. Successful applicants will be advised in writing by end of January 2017. Applications can be up to \$500, which must be matched dollar-for-dollar or in kind by the applicant.

Groups and organisations seeking to apply for this funding must also meet the priorities set out by National Youth Week. These can be found at www.camden.nsw.gov.au/youthweek.

For application enquiries please email youth@camden.nsw.gov.au

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