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## State funding for Camden Youth Empowerment Project

State funding has today been announced for the Camden Youth Empowerment Project during a visit by the Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services, The Hon Ray Williams MP.

The \$50,000 funding is part of the NSW State Government's Youth Opportunities Program and will be used for the joint Camden Council and YMCA NSW project to engage young people in new opportunities, skill development and events.

Member for Camden, Chris Patterson MP attended the event along with Member of the Legislative Council, Lou Amato, senior representatives of the YMCA and members of the Young Leaders Group and Camden Youth Council.

"We welcome this announcement of funding for this initiative that will directly support activities led by young people, for young people," said Mayor Peter Sidgreaves.

"The project will involve the Camden Youth Council and YMCA NSW Young Leaders Group of Mount Annan working collaboratively to deliver a series of events and workshops that are targeted at young people," Cr Sidgreaves said.

"Participants will develop valuable skills in coordinating a list of events and activities that will support the lives of young people from across the community," he said.

Recreational and cultural activities driven by the Young Leaders Group and Camden Youth Council will include organising a Youth Multicultural Festival and StreetYm as well as arrange a number of skill-based workshops to provide skills to young people from across the community.

The workshops will be designed to provide training and education opportunities for people aged 12-25 years who are transitioning from childhood to adulthood and have disengaged or are at risk of disengaging from school and community. They will include building and sustaining healthy relationships among social groups, positive lifestyle and career-based

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workshops as well as mental health accreditation and youth leadership.

The youth empowerment project will be run next year from the end of January. Any young person aged between 12 and 25 years interested in joining Camden Youth Council can contact Council on 4654 7777.

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