

NORTHERN MIDLANDS COUNCIL COUNCIL POLICIES



Policy Name:	Youth Policy
Originated Date:	Adopted 7 May 2001 – Min No. 170/01 (as Policy 24)
Amended Date/s:	Amended 23 April 2007 – Min No. 113/07 Reviewed 17 February 2014 – Min No. 42/14
Applicable Legislation:	
Dataworks Reference:	44/001/001
Objective	Council is committed to developing, supporting and promoting initiatives which positively contribute to the safety and well-being of young people, their families and the communities within the Northern Midlands area.
Outcomes	The Council is working towards developing a community where: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Young people's views and contributions to their families and communities are valued; ◆ Young people and their diversity is recognised, acknowledged and celebrated; ◆ The views of young people are sought and taken into account in the development of Council's policies and activities; ◆ Young people have access to the information and resources required to meet their needs in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Health, safety and well-being ◆ Physical environment and design ◆ Entertainment and recreation ◆ Education and training ◆ Employment ◆ Family
Scope	All Northern Midlands residents aged 12-25 years (recognising there are varying needs within this age group)

Philosophies:

The following philosophies underpin the Youth Policy, and Council's transactions with young people:

Recognition that all young people have the right to enjoy:

- ◆ A sense of safety and structure;
- ◆ High self-worth and self-esteem;
- ◆ A feeling of control over their future;
- ◆ A sense of belonging;
- ◆ A perception of responsibility and autonomy;

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- ◆ A sense of self-awareness and spirituality.

Acknowledgement of the following areas of ability in young people:

- ◆ Physical health;
- ◆ Mental health;
- ◆ Intellectual health;
- ◆ Employability;
- ◆ Civic and social involvement.

An understanding that young people need the following supports to succeed in life:

- ◆ Motivational;
- ◆ Emotional;
- ◆ Strategic;
- ◆ Accessible essential transport;
- ◆ Access essential health services;
- ◆ Access to other necessary resources.

A desire to provide opportunities for young people to:

- ◆ Learn how to act in the world around them
- ◆ Explore;
- ◆ Express;
- ◆ Earn;
- ◆ Belong;
- ◆ Influence.

A commitment to provision or advocacy for the provision of quality services in areas including:

- ◆ Education;
- ◆ Health;
- ◆ Employment;
- ◆ Safety.

Roles of Council:

In working towards the stated mission, Council has the following roles:

- ◆ To ensure the views and needs of young people are taken into account in Council

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- activities;
- ◆ To advocate on behalf of, and with, young people;
 - ◆ To resource, provide and support services for young people in partnership with other agencies where-ever possible;
 - ◆ To be a coordinator, with the community, of activities for young people.

Strategies:

An action plan for this policy will be developed for each calendar year, taking into account the resources available for implementation of the action plan.

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1. Scope

All Northern Midlands residents aged 12-25 years (recognising there are varying needs within this age group).

2. Outcomes

As defined in the Northern Midlands Council Strategic Plan 2017-2027, Council is committed to creating Caring, Healthy, Safe Communities – Awareness, education and service:

- Equal access to health, safety and community services;
- Advocate for equitable health, education and employment;
- Support networks for older persons and youth at risk;
- Support networks assisting victims of domestic violence;
- Foster arts and culture participation at local level;
- All abilities sport and exercise facilities available;
- Cater for community members with disabilities.

3. Roles of Council:

In working towards the stated mission, Council has the following roles:

- ◆ To ensure the views and needs of young people are taken into account in Council activities;
- ◆ To advocate on behalf of, and with, young people;
- ◆ To provide support services for youth by engaging:
 - ◆ Northern Joblink to provide a Youth Worker to Campbell Town and Cressy District High Schools for 5 hours per fortnight.
 - ◆ PCYC to conduct youth programs in Longford, Perth and Evandale.
- ◆ To support and encourage the future education and employment of youth by:
 - ◆ Provision of Further Education Bursaries to students within the Northern Midlands

who are progressing to education or training beyond Grade 10.

- ◆ Participation in the Northern Midlands Business Partnership Group.

Strategies:

The services and participation of Council are reviewed on an annual basis.