



WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 2022

Maribyrnong's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) and Youth Services hosted Maribyrnong's Climate Change Youth Forum 2022.

The forum was designed and delivered by MYAC, in partnership with Youth Services, as part of Victoria's Government ENGAGE Program. The purpose of the forum was to promote the youth voices and participation of young people across Maribyrnong.

50 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS **7 TEACHERS**



THREE KEY GAPS:

1 - SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The School curriculum currently lacks climate education. Young People are fearful for their future and want to shape the policies and decisions that will define them, but often don't feel informed or empowered enough to do so.

2 - INADEQUATE LEADERSHIP & CLIMATE EDUCATION AMONG ADULTS

Young people feel they're being failed by and let down by leaders, more specifically political leadership.

3 - LACK OF FUNDING & RESOURCES

Resources are lacking for climate education, awareness building & educational resources.

WHAT YOU TOLD US: KNOWLEDGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Your responses indicated a strong understanding of the consequences of climate change highlighting the impacts on; natural habitats, animals and native wildlife, weather and natural disasters. You highlighted the role of big corporations and companies as the main contributing factors to the global climate crisis.

There was concern about climate change and the implications it will have on the future. You expressed worry and fear for the future, urging "if we don't take collective climate action to counter the current climate crisis it will impact us". There was also a level of optimism that if appropriate climate action is taken "this crisis can be prevented".



KEY ACTIONS FOR SCHOOLS:

ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE FOCUSED GROUPS & NETWORKS

REDUCED USE OF PLASTICS

RECYCLING OF CLOTHING
OFFER SECOND HAND UNIFORM OPTIONS

SUSTAINABLE AND ECO-FRIENDLY RESOURCES

IMPROVED EDUCATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Including:

- ACTIONS TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE
- HOW TO ENGAGE IN CLIMATE ACTIVISM
- HOW TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKING

MORE AWARENESS

SUCH AS POSTERS AND GUEST SPEAKERS

IMPROVED WASTE

COLOURED BINS
RECYCLING & RUBBISH
PICK-UP INITIATIVES

MORE TREES & GREEN SPACES

KEY ACTIONS FOR YOUTH SERVICES & COUNCIL:

FACILITATE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION SESSIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES

PROVIDE CONTINUED OPPORTUNITIES WHICH PROMOTE YOUTH VOICE & SELF-ADVOCACY

CONTINUE TO WORK WITH SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS MAJOR THEMES AS IDENTIFIED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

PROVIDE LINKAGES TO OTHER COUNCIL DEPARTMENTS FOR RESOURCING AND EXPERTISE

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL CLIMATE SPECIFIC GRANTS

CREATE MORE GREEN SPACES ACROSS OUR MUNICIPALITY

CONTINUE ACTIVE CONVERSATIONS WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE
☒ INTERESTED & ☒ ENGAGED

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STUDENT ACTION & NETWORKS

Take the first step and...
LEAD BY EXAMPLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE YOUTH FORUM FINDINGS

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