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YOUTH PROGRAMS

Whitelion has been supporting highly vulnerable young people for more than a decade, empowering them to change their lives.

The organisation provides youth-focused, gender and culturally-specific services through a number of programs.

Youth Programs provides the following services to young people:

- ➔ Young Women's Support Service
- ➔ Young Lions
- ➔ Young Men's Support Service
- ➔ StreetBeats

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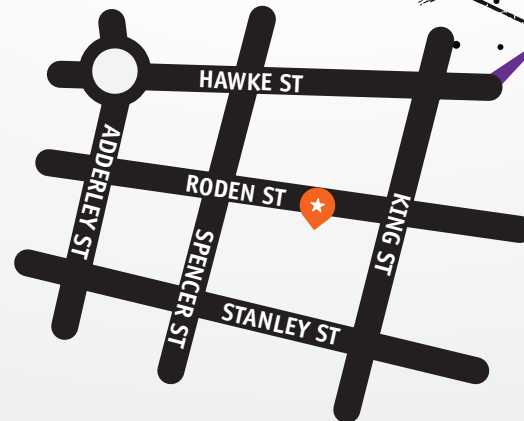
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YOUNG LIONS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Young Lions Leadership Program creates opportunities for young people to learn, connect, lead and inspire others in an empowering and supportive environment. The program provides young people with the motivation, skills and resources necessary to achieve their personal and collective goals while developing their leadership skills around communication, confidence, values, problem solving and team-work.

The Young Lions Leadership Program aims to promote meaningful youth participation and leadership through the implementation of creative participatory techniques, a strengths' based approach, empowerment models, reciprocal learning, role-modelling and promoting social inclusion.

The program engages young people with prior or current involvement in the Youth Justice and/or Out of Home Care System, aged between 15 and 25 years and who have been identified as having leadership qualities in Whitelion programs or those of partner agencies.

This year long Leadership Program includes fortnightly workshops, three camps per year and a graduation at the end of the year to celebrate the Young Lions achievements. Participants in this program are nominated in November/December each year and undergo a short youth-friendly selection process.

If you are interested in receiving further information about this program please contact:

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YOUNG WOMEN'S SUPPORT SERVICE

The Young Women's Support Service (YWSS) at Whitelion is a responsive and creative service for young women who are:

- ➔ living in the Northern & Western regions of Metropolitan Melbourne
- ➔ have been involved with the youth justice and / or out of home care systems
- ➔ aged 15 – 24 years

We provide flexible, holistic and personalised support to young women during the transition from out of home care or custody back into the broader community. YWSS also provides supported referral to community agencies, other Whitelion programs and supports young women participating in a number of positive programs and activities in the community. The program provides opportunities to increase social, emotional, mental and physical health. It provides young women with the opportunity to express themselves in safe, supportive environment.

Custodial Program

This Program is offered to young women in custody on a weekly basis. By enabling young women and workers to spend time together, the Program develops trust and rapport which will form the basis of ongoing working relationships. It assists young women to develop social skills and teamwork that will be useful to them once they leave custody.

If you are interested in further information on referring a young person to the Young Women's Support Service please contact:

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YOUNG MEN'S SUPPORT SERVICE

The Young Men's Support Service (YMSS) at Whitelion is a program that responds to young men who are:

- ➔ living in the Northern & Western regions of Metropolitan Melbourne
- ➔ have been involved with the youth justice and / or out of home care systems or are at risk of doing so
- ➔ aged 14 – 20 years

We provide a flexible, holistic and personal service to young men from disadvantaged backgrounds who are in need of support. This may include:

- ➔ 1-on-1 Outreach Support to address appropriate accommodation, help in finding employment or access to education, referrals to other services and assistance with life and living skills.
- ➔ Group Activities focusing on healthy lifestyles and personal development through sport, music and art. These activities allow young men to connect with the community and develop positive peer groups, improve social, emotional and physical wellbeing and enhance personal qualities such as leadership, teamwork and motivation.

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STREETBEATS DRUMMING

In partnership with the School of Hard Knocks Institute, Whitelion introduces StreetBeats!

The program works with young people to participate in structured learning through African drumming; both an instrumental skill as well as 'pre-vocational' skills such as respect, communication, team work, and expectations on attendance. Most of all, StreetBeats encourages young people to meet new people, develop friendships and have FUN!

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