



CCYP YEP! INFO SHEET



Who is the Commissioner for Children and Young People?

The Commissioner for Children and Young People in Tasmania is an independent person who speaks up for all Tasmanian children and young people under 18 years of age to help make sure Tasmania is a better place for them.

An important part of the Commissioner's job is to help children and young people express their views and to make sure that adult decision-makers take the needs and views of children and young people into account when making decisions that affect them.

The YEP! Program

Your Engagement Place or YEP! is a program for young Tasmanians. By being part of YEP! you can hear about ways to engage with the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP) and share your views on topics important to you. This might involve surveys, online chats, focus groups or other activities. You'll also learn about similar opportunities offered by other groups.

More information about YEP! can be found at: childcomm.tas.gov.au/young-people/yep

Who can apply to be a member of YEP!?

YEP! is open to all children and young people living in Tasmania who are aged under 18.

Applications are encouraged from children and young people from all backgrounds, abilities, life experiences and locations in Tasmania.

You can register at any time of the year.

How long is membership for?

Once you register for YEP!, you can be a member until you turn 18. You can stop being a member whenever you like – just call us on (03) 6166 1366 or email childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au to let us know.

How much time is involved?

You can be involved as much or as little as you like – being part of YEP! is totally voluntary. See an activity you want to be a part of? Check your eligibility for it and follow the details for that activity to join in.





Why join YEP! ?

As a child or young person you have the right to have a say in decisions that affect your life – this right is even protected by international law in the [UN Convention on the Rights of the Child](#). By joining YEP! you'll learn about new opportunities to get involved in big decisions that affect the lives of Tasmanian children and young people. There are heaps of ways raising your voice can help change the lives of young Tasmanians for the better. Two examples include influencing laws and policies, and helping to design services for children and young people. You could also develop new skills, build your networks with decision-makers, and make friends with other like-minded children and young people.

Is YEP! child safe?

CCYP doesn't run all the activities promoted through YEP! but we do our very best to make sure any opportunities we promote are designed to be safe, ethical and in the best interests of Tasmanian children and young people. We review all proposed activities before we decide whether to promote them. If you have any questions about an activity, please don't hesitate to contact us or the organisation listed as the organiser.

How to join YEP!

Complete the registration form at:
childcomm.tas.gov.au/young-people/yep

If you would prefer to have a paper registration form sent to you or would like to chat about other ways to register, call us on (03) 6166 1366 or email childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au.



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For adults

Teachers, parents/carers and other adults helping or working with children and young people may want to tell young Tasmanians about YEP! engagement opportunities. That's great! If you'd like to be added to our email list, please fill out the registration form at:
childcomm.tas.gov.au/yep-application-form-for-everyone-else

Getting an activity on YEP!

Are you an organisation that would like to have an engagement opportunity listed on the YEP! webpage? Please email childcomm@childcomm.tas.gov.au with YEP! in the subject line. Engagement opportunities can take many forms – from consultations through to writing competitions to youth panels. However, they must be open to Tasmanian children and young people under the age of 18, be ethical, support the concept of child participation, benefit children and young people and be conducted in a child safe manner.



