

YOUNG PEOPLE DOING IT TOUGH

Exploring the complex and interlocking issues of homelessness, OOHC, justice, culture, safety and mental health.



ARMIDALE NSW JUNE 17 - 19, 2025

Bringing together leaders and practitioners from Government and Non-Government organisations across the country, focused on our region, to discuss, learn and share how we get better at responding to young people who are in conflict with the law, at risk of violence, experiencing homelessness and poor mental health.

Join us as we share, learn and discuss:

- Lessons learnt on developing, sustaining & evaluating Youth Hubs
- Increasing social cohesion and youth participation in programming
- Improving our practice for working with First Nations communities and their organisations
- Overview of the key issues facing young people in juvenile justice and detention
- Client-centred & strengths-based approaches to youth work
- Key issues for young people in Out of Home Care
- Implementing the findings of the Key Tenets report
- Key issues facing young people in Education
- Delivering a Rights Based approach to service delivery
- How the arts can play an important role in increasing our understanding for issues faced by young people doing it tough



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Key Speakers include:



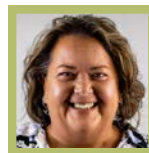
Gill Calvert:
Inaugural NSW Children's Commissioner from 1999-2009



Lukas Carey:
UNE Lecturer, 'From Prison to Principal' TEDx Talk 2023



Andrew Johnson:
Inaugural NSW Advocate for Children and Young People, UN representative (New York) for Save the Children



Penny Lamaro:
CEO Women's Shelter Armidale, Chair of Youth Action NSW



Selim Ucar:
CEO of Humanity Matters



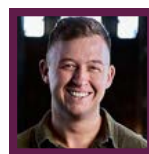
Andrew McCallum:
former President of ACOSS and CEO of ACWA



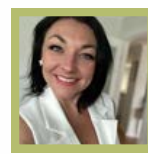
Candice Neilson:
Acting Executive Director, Youth Justice NSW



Anthony Shannon:
Department of Communities & Justice



Hayden Tonazzi:
CEO of the Australian Theatre for Young People



Morgana Butler:
Regional Youth Support Services

We've got your travel time covered:

Program starts at 1pm on the 17th and concludes at 1pm on the 19th June, 2025.

And while you're here

Join us for the Official Opening, 10am 17 June 2025

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