

**SPEAK.
SHARE.
CHANGE.**

**ONE TOPIC
MANY VOICES
VARIOUS LOCATIONS**

Wednesday 5 April 2017
10am – 12 noon



WHAT IS SPEAK. SHARE.CHANGE.?

Speak. Share. Change. is an opportunity for young people to:

- share ideas
- have their voices heard on issues of concern to them
- celebrate their contribution to the community
- attend an event
- and have fun!

An initiative of the Illawarra & South Coast Youth Network, **Speak. Share. Change.** will be a key event on the Youth Week 2017 calendar. Forum based events will be held on the same topic, on the same day, at the same time, across the region. Events may host groups of 6 to 66 young people with the common goal of coming together to share their thought about the topic:

MENTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL MEDIA

Service providers across the region are being encouraged to get involved and host an event with young people in their area.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Organise a group of young people to get together on Wednesday 5 April 10am – 12noon and facilitate a forum based event which focuses on the topic:

Register your event by contacting an Illawarra & South Coast Youth Network Committee member.

Distribute a media release with key message and invite councillors, State and Federal members to attend your event. Key messages and a letter template will be provided to assist.

Some ideas on how structure your event are hosting a 'World Café' or facilitating a 'Carousel'. Keep reading for more info.

WHAT IS THE ILLAWARRA & SOUTH COAST YOUTH NETWORK?

The Illawarra & South Coast Youth Services Network was established in 1998. The Network provides sector development opportunities directed by the needs of frontline workers in local youth and community services fields. The events are organised by a committee which includes members from Shoalhaven, Kiama, Shellharbour City and Wollongong City Councils and Southern Youth and Family Services.



WHAT IS A WORLD CAFÉ?

The **World Café** is a whole group interaction method focused on conversations. A **Café** Conversation is a creative process for leading collaborative dialogue, sharing knowledge and creating possibilities for action in groups of all sizes. Here is an overview of how to host a world cafe!

- Set the scene using round tables and chairs, butcher paper and colored textas. Each table has one question. The number of tables depends on the number of participants. Based on an anticipated attendance of 50 the activity would require 7 tables each with 7-8 chairs. Generally each table can include 5-12 participants and the number of tables is determined by the number of questions.
- There will be four rounds of conversations lasting 20 minutes each. At the end of the round, participants move to a different table while the host stays and provides an overview of the previous discussion to the next group. The participants should try to sit at a table with different people.
- Each table has a different question, questions will include:

QUESTION

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- After the four rounds, hosts are invited to share insights from their conversations with the large group.
- Post event: Collate responses from notes of each host. Develop a strategy based on data and make available to participants as means of 'closing the loop'.



WHAT IS A CAROUSEL?

A **carousel** is a great method of getting participants to share their thoughts. Participants, in small groups, discuss a topic during a predetermined period and then change stations. They therefore move from station to station to contribute to the discussions. Here is an overview of how to facilitate a carousel!

- Set the scene by creating four stations around the room each with butcher's paper on the wall, and colour textas.
- Each table has a different question, questions will include:

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- Participants are divided equally amongst the four stations
- There will be four rounds lasting 15-20 minutes each. At the end of the round, participants move to a different station staying in their original group
- Rounds 2-4 requires participants to read previous comments, tick comments they agree with, add thoughts that are not already captured
- After the four rounds, representatives from each group are invited to share the information recorded with the large group
- Post event: Collate information recorded at each station. Develop a strategy based on data and make available to participants as means of 'closing the loop'.

HOW DO I GET MORE INFO OR REGISTER MY EVENT?

Contact one of the Illawarra & South Coast Youth Services Network members

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