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CYPAG Applicant Information Package

Young Tasmanians aged 12 to 18 years are encouraged to apply to join the Department of Health's Children and Young People Advisory Group (CYPAG).

What is the CYPAG?

- CYPAG provides a way for young Tasmanians to inform the Department of Health (the Department) about how it can improve its services to children and young people.
- Membership will be for 2 years.
- Members will be asked for their opinions/insights on health issues, how they affect young Tasmanians, and how the Department can improve its services to children and young people.

Who can join?

- Tasmanians aged 12 – 18 years.
- Applicants don't need any previous experience to apply.
- We want to hear from young Tasmanians with lots of different life experiences and insights.
- **We particularly encourage applications from:**
 - young Tasmanians with experience of using Tasmanian Government health services, such as our public hospitals
 - Tasmanian Aboriginal young people
 - LGBTIQ+ young people.

- young people with disabilities
- young carers
- young Tasmanians with refugee and/or migrant backgrounds
- young Tasmanians from rural, regional and remote areas
- young people with experience of homelessness and out-of-home care
- young people from low-income backgrounds

Your commitment:

- Attend and participate in scheduled meetings (approximately every 3 months for 2 years).
- Meeting dates and venues will be discussed with successful applicant but should not exceed more than 2 hours every 3 months (face to face or online). *Please note, there may be additional, optional opportunities to contribute to Department of Health consultations in addition to scheduled meetings.*
- Contribute your views to the development of Health initiatives.

Our commitment to you

- Providing environments where you feel safe and empowered to share your ideas and insights.
- Receive feedback about how your input is actioned.
- Clear communication about when and where sessions will be held.
- The opportunity to meet other young Tasmanians passionate about improving health services.
- Build your skills – such as communicating with different people in different contexts, active listening, and learning about health services and government in Tasmania.

How do I apply?

- You can apply by sending through the application form to csws@health.tas.gov.au
- Applications close at 5pm on 21 December 2024.
- We will let you know the outcome of your application in January 2025.
- We can also support you to complete the form and accept applications in a different format to ensure the application is accessible to you - contact csws@health.tas.gov.au for more information.

I have some questions, who should I talk to?

- Check out our *Position Description* and *Frequently Asked Questions* for more information.
- You can also reach out to the Child Safety and Wellbeing Service via csws@health.tas.gov.au

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply?

- We're looking for applications from young Tasmanians aged between 12 and 18 years. No experience is necessary.
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- Applications close at 5pm on 21 December 2024.
- You will be required to provide personal information, including your date of birth and where you live.
- You will also be asked to answer some questions about what you think you will bring to the CYPAG.
- We can support you to complete the form and can accept applications in a different format to ensure the application is accessible to you - contact csws@health.tas.gov.au for more information.

How will CYPAG members be selected?

Every application will be reviewed by a small panel and we will let you know the outcome of your application in January 2025.

Will the application process and CYPAG meetings be accessible?

- We're committed to ensuring the application process is accessible for everyone.
- Let us know if we can support you to complete the form, or you would like to apply in a different format - contact csws@health.tas.gov.au
- We will also ensure the advisory group meetings are accessible and inclusive. We will work with you about what this looks like if you join CYPAG.

Will the CYPAG members be paid?

- Membership of CYPAG is voluntary.
- However, the Department of Health will provide support for members to attend any face-to-face meetings, such as providing bus tickets and/or taxi vouchers. Face-to-face meetings will also be catered.

Who do I contact for more information?

- You can email your questions to csws@health.tas.gov.au