

**Applications are now open for the:**

**headspace** **Youth Reference Group**

Are you aged between 16 and 25 and live in the Albury Wodonga region? Do you have something to say about health, mental health, education and employment and drug and alcohol issues?

**What is the headspace Youth Reference Group (YRG)?**

**headspace** provides young people with the opportunity to be heard and be active around youth mental health issues.

There are a number of roles you can play in a **headspace** local reference group, including:

* Developing and organising projects and events in our local area
* Consultation and evaluation of **headspace** services, policies and resources
* Being a media spokesperson
* Undertaking training and education opportunities in relation to **headspace** matters

**By getting involved you will:**

* Have the opportunity to have your say and direct youth mental health services in the Albury Wodonga region
* Develop new skills
* Meet and work with other young people who are passionate about youth mental health
* Make a difference to youth mental health.

**headspace** will provide some training to support you to participate in the above groups or activities.

**How do I get involved?**

Please complete the application form and email it to:

bree.cross@gatewayhealth.org.au

or you can post or drop it in to:

 headspace Albury Wodonga

 155 High Street

 WODONGA VIC 3690

***2020 Info Session date to be confirmed***

**Applications close Friday 28 February 2020**

**Who can apply?**

**A**nyone aged between 16 and 25 who is involved with their local **headspace** centre or wants to create positive change in our community

**We want you to apply if:**

You have knowledge of, interest in and feel passionate about mental health issues.

The Youth Reference Group is also keen to hear the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, young people from culturally diverse backgrounds, young people from rural and remote areas, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender young people and young people who have been homeless.

**headspace YRG application form**

**Personal Details**

**Name**

**Phone**

**Email**

**Address**

**Date of Birth**

**Pronoun**

**she/her he/him they/them**

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| What languages do you speak at home?  |
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| Where were you born?  |
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| Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? |
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| Where do you live? (suburb) |
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| Do you identify as having/had a mental health barriers? |
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| Is this something that you would be happy (and feel comfortable) talking about?  |
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**About You**

**Please tell us a bit about yourself.**

*(For example: I am 16 years old, and attend alternative education centre 3 days a week, I like skate-boarding etc.)*

**Why do you want to be involved in headspace?**

**Please describe why you are interested in becoming a Youth Reference Group member.**

**What type of headspace activities would you like to be involved in?**

**What skills and ideas could you bring to the Youth Reference Group?**

**Are you involved in any other organisations? If yes, which ones and what is your involvement?**