

CASE STUDY: MYAN Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN)

MYAN Australia

The Youth Ambassadors Network (YAN) of MYAN Australia was established in 2015 as a key way for young people from across Australia to engage with and inform the work of the MYAN, as well as develop leadership and advocacy skills. The YAN are a group of passionate young advocates who have come together in their voluntary roles to support positive change in the lives of refugee and migrant young people across Australia. The group meets face-face annually and regularly communicates virtually. The YAN are a key element of MYAN's work, as they bring the voices of young people directly to the work that MYAN does. YAN members are supported to build leadership and advocacy skills by participating in national projects, including consultations, campaigns and events.



Youth Ambassadors are involved in all areas of MYAN's work. This has included:

- Being consulted during the development phase of publications, policy papers, reports and submissions
- Helping MYAN to develop a video series which provides service providers with a glimpse of young people's experiences.
- Taking part in a youth panel at the 2017 MYAN National Conference. YAN alumni and other young people were invited to have a discussion with the sector about their experiences and advocacy
- Helping to plan and run MYAN's FUSE summits

