National Youth Settlement Framework

What is the NYSF?
Developed by MYAN (Australia), it is the first evidence-based guide for supporting and measuring good practice in youth settlement across sectors. The NYSF builds on young people’s capabilities, strengthens their rights and meets their needs.

Why do we need it?
Young people have enormous potential to be active contributors to and participants in Australian society. They experience the settlement journey differently to adults and young children and a targeted approach in policy and programming is the best way to ensure they realise their potential.

How do I use it in my work?
Use the Good Practice Capabilities, the Self-Assessment tools and the domains and indicators of Active Citizenship for designing, delivering and evaluating policy and programming.

Work across the Active Citizenship Domains
- Economic Participation
- Social Participation
- Civic Participation
- Personal Wellbeing

Applying Active Citizenship Indicators
- Economic Participation
  - Acquiring English language skills
  - Digital literacy
  - Engaged in pathways towards employment inc. education/training
  - Stable income
  - Safe, stable housing

- Social Participation
  - Participation in community life e.g. sport and recreation
  - Free from racism and discrimination and/or able to manage experiences of racism and discrimination
  - Positive peer networks
  - Bridging and bonding networks

- Civic Participation
  - Understanding and enjoyment of Australia’s political and civil rights and responsibilities
  - Participation in democratic processes/political decision making
  - Understanding and enjoyment of legal rights and responsibilities
  - Participation in volunteering activities

- Personal Wellbeing
  - Positive relationships—connections with peers, family, community
  - Positive self-esteem
  - Positive physical, mental and sexual health
  - Goals for the future and understanding of pathways to achieve these goals
  - Well-developed life skills

Achieving Active Citizenship
Good settlement outcomes for young people
- Navigation of multicultural identity
- Sense of belonging in Australian society
- Positive cultural & religious expressions and freedom to engage with cultural & religious expression
- Understanding Australian culture and society
- Access to and capacity to navigate a range of services