NSW YOUTH COUNCIL CONFERENCE 2019

UNLEASH THE FUTURE

TOMORROW’S CHANGE STARTS WITH YOU...

13 - 15 September 2019
West HQ Novotel, Rooty Hill

Conference Information
Introduction
Blacktown welcomes you!
Welcome to Blacktown City, one of the largest and fastest growing Local Government Areas in NSW with a population of 370,000- around 1 in 70 Australian’s reside in our City. Our population is projected to reach 540,000 by 2036 which will see us surpass the current population of Tasmania. We acknowledge the Darug tribe as the traditional custodians of the land on which Blacktown is built, and home to one of Australia’s largest population of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Blacktown is a vibrant city located in the very heart of Greater Sydney, half way between Sydney City and the Blue Mountains. Our 48 suburbs are home to residents from 188 different birthplaces, the top 5 being Philippines, India, New Zealand, Fiji and England. There are 182 languages spoken including Tagalog, Hindi, Punjabi, Arabic and Filipino making it a City rich in culturally diversity.

Blacktown City boasts an array of award winning attractions, international venues and recreational and sporting attractions including:
- Blacktown International Sports Park
- Sydney Motorsport Park
- Wet ’n’ Wild
- Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope
- Featherdale Wildlife Park
- Sydney Zoo (opening soon)
- Skyline Drive-In
- Nurranging Reserve
- Leo Kelly Blacktown Arts Centre

With so much to do, we know that Blacktown City will surprise you!

Unleash the Future MMXIX
Tomorrow’s change starts with you...
Blacktown Youth Advisory Committee together with Blacktown City Council is proud to present Unleash the Future MMXIX, NSW Youth Council Conference 2019. This conference will feature a range of engaging speakers, interactive skills based workshops and unique social events.

The conference is a fantastic opportunity for delegates to network with likeminded young leaders from across the state to connect, share, unpack and develop innovative solutions to current issues and unlock their capacity as future leaders in their communities.

While the Conference Program is still being finalised, here is a taste of what you can expect:

- Inspiring speakers including AIME Co-CEO and local Blacktown resident Sherice Jackson,
- Interactive skills based workshops
- Co-write the ‘Unleash’ conference anthem with Song Division
- Experience Blacktown’s cultural centre at the Friday Flavours Foodies Tour
- Unwind and at the Saturday Sonic Splash event held at Sydney’s number one water park.
- Showcase your community Youth-led initiative
- Networking, connecting and social opportunities

You can follow Conference news and updates on the Event pages:

https://www.facebook.com/events/461605614593954/

Blacktown City Council’s website
Conference and Activity Venues

Conference

The conference will be held at West HQ, Rooty Hill, which boasts an array of exciting event spaces, making this the ideal venue for our conference. The main plenary will be held in the newly renovated Tivoli auditorium, featuring a state-of-the-art performance space that is sure to awaken your ideas, emotions and creativity. Conference break out spaces include Boomerang, Concept and GWS Rooms. The conference venue will provide free Wi-Fi for everyone. Everyone is recommended to bring their phones, tablets and laptops as there will be digitally interactive elements to the conference through the conference app.

Friday Flavours Foodies Tour

Friday, 13 September
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Our guides will take you on a tour of Blacktown’s cultural centre where you will discover the cities multicultural food scene. Sample cuisines of the world, be entertained by local artists and pop into Bowman Hall for a game of Laser tag. This will be a great opportunity to get to know other youth leaders from across the state while you share some good food, great music and plenty of fun.

Saturday Sonic Splash Event

Saturday, 14 September
4.00 pm – 8.00 pm
Sssh…. We’re keeping this one a little secret for now. We know that if there’s one thing you’ll want to do if you’re coming to Blacktown; it’s to have a splash at Sydney’s number one water park. So even though we’re technically outside of water fun season, we’ve arranged exclusive access to our secret Sonic Splash event where you’ll be able to chill out on the cabanas, catch a wave at ’The Beach’ or slide down a tower. When the sun the goes down, we’ll be going to the surf club for dinner and a dance with Blacktown’s best youth DJ. What better way to unwind after a massive day of innovating and co-creating? Don’t forget your swimmers, towel, hat and sunscreen!

Weather

You will be visiting Blacktown during spring, where there is an average minimum temperature at night of 18° Celsius and an average maximum temperature of 28° Celsius. Please ensure you bring appropriate clothing for spring conditions
Getting Here

Blacktown is located approximately 34 kilometres west of Sydney, NSW. Delegates can fly into Sydney Airport on most airlines. Blacktown is approximately 45 minutes’ drive from Sydney Airport. There are a number of coach services and airport transfers available.

Road:
West HQ is located in Rooty Hill, positioned near the apex of the M4 and M7 motorways making it accessible via all connecting motorways over metro Sydney.

Parking:
West HQ has a free outdoor and multiplex car park. Parking for vans and mini-buses is available; please contact West HQ on (02) 9625 5500 for more information.

Air:
Domestic flights services to Sydney run multiple times a day. Once you arrive, go to Airport Domestic or Airport International Train Stations Platform 1. You will need to change to the Western Line Trains at Central Station which depart from platform 18. You will exit the train at Rooty Hill Station. Exit on North Parade and walk west along North Parade, turning right when you reach Sherbrooke Street for an easy 15 minute walk. Check TransportNSW for train timetables.
If you would prefer to be picked up from Rooty Hill train station, please contact Jesica Varela on 02 8886 2009. Please note there are additional costs to gain access to the Airport Train Stations.

Bus:
The closest bus stops are:
Stop Number 276675, Sherbrooke St
Stop Number 276646, North Parade before Sherbrooke St Rooty Hill RSL
Check TransportNSW for bus timetables

Sydney Trains:
If arriving via Rooty Hill train station, exit on North Parade and walk west along North Parade, turning right when you reach Sherbrooke Street for an easy 15 minute walk. Check TransportNSW for train timetables.

Travelling on Public Transport:
Opal cards are smartcard tickets that you keep, top up and reuse to pay for travel on public transport. The Opal card will allow you to travel and pay for your fares on metro, trains, buses, ferried and light rail anywhere within the Opal network. To pre-order an Opal card before arriving in Sydney, head to www.opal.com.au/en/get-an-opal-card/
Accommodation

Our Recommendation

Novotel, West HQ Rooty Hill
The beautifully renovated accommodation at Novotel Sydney, West HQ is among the most spacious hotel rooms in Australia. To ensure you receive the special conference rates (including breakfast) - please advise staff that you are attending the NSW Youth Council Conference at the time of booking.

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<td>Standard single or twin room</td>
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<td>Standard triple or quad room (2 queen size beds sharing existing bedding)</td>
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ACCOMMODATION CONDITIONS -

- The above rates are in AUD, inclusive of GST
- Check-in time: 2:00 pm  Check-out time: 11:00 am
- Conference rate available until 13 August 2019 after which accommodation rooms will be subject to availability & the best available unrestricted rate shall be applied.
- A valid credit card will be required to confirm bookings or pre-payment prior to check-in.
- If required rollaway: 1x max per room only, $40 per room/night (subject to availability)
- Complimentary Internet available.
- Open-air parking is available on-site with a multi-story carpark currently in construction which is due to be completed mid to late 2019.

Novotel Sydney, West HQ
33 Railway Street,
Rooty Hill NSW 2766
(02) 9832 3888
reservations@novotelwesthq.com.au
**Holiday Inn St Marys**

4-star hotel  
Corner of Forrester &, Boronia Rd,  
St Marys (02) 9208 5678  
Twin, Triple and Quad share in existing bedding including breakfast  
Winter escape offer  

**Travelodge Blacktown**

4-star hotel  
170 Reservoir Rd, Arndell Park  
(02) 8822 2000  
Triple share  
Bed & Breakfast offer  

**Alpha Hotel Eastern Creek**

4-star hotel  
Brabham Dr and, Peter Brock Dr, Eastern Creek (02) 8889 7700  
Twin share and Triple with roll away bed and interconnecting rooms available.  
Book direct and save.  

**Atura Hotel Blacktown**

4-star hotel  
32 Cricketers Arms Rd, Prospect NSW 2148  
(02) 9421 0000  
Twin and Triple share available including breakfast  
Weekend Rise and Dine offer  

**Nightcap at Colyton Hotel**

3-star hotel  
12 Great Western Hwy, Colyton  
(02) 9623 2266  
Twin and Triple share available  
30 day advance offer  

**Plumpton Hotel**

3-star hotel  
556 Richmond Rd, Glendenning  
(02) 9626 9766  
Triple Room Standard Rate  
No breakfast available
Registration Kit

Registration will be available via Blacktown Council's website from Tuesday 12 June 2019. All complete registration forms and payment will be required by 13 August 2019.

The cost per person will be $80.00 and will include:
- Entry to all conference sessions
- Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and dinner on Friday and Saturday
- Morning tea and lunch on Sunday
- Welcome Pack
- 2019 NSW Youth Council Conference T-Shirt
- All evening activities
- Shuttle bus transport from accommodation to conference / activities
- Free Wi-Fi at the conference venue

Note: Transport to the conference and accommodation is not included.

This conference is open to youth aged 12 - 24 years who are residents of NSW and currently a member of a Youth Council or Youth Advisory Group for a Local Government Council, NGO, peak government body or High School.

Each Youth Council is required to have a nominated fee paying adult guardian accompanying their delegation to the event, who is responsible for supervising their delegates.

Each Youth Council is responsible for ensuring that parents or guardians have granted permission for delegates under 18 to attend.

Subsidies / Financial Assistance

We have a subsidy fund available for delegates to apply for. Subsidies will be available via reimbursement for transport, accommodation and conference fees. The Subsidy / Financial Assistance program is available to Councils and Organisations in remote and rural NSW to encourage attendance. Organisations are encouraged to apply for a financial assistance package to help with associated costs of attending the conference. While the fund is considerable, we cannot guarantee that every applicant will be successful although we will ensure thorough transparency in the decision making process.

For more information, please contact our friendly Conference staff

Community Development, Blacktown City Council
Jesica Varela- (02) 8886 2009
Melissa Boceski- (02) 9839 6203
youth@blacktown.nsw.gov.au

Refund Policy

Registrations cancelled less than 30 days before the event not eligible for a refund. Refunds are only issued on the cost of the conference registration and does not cover transport or accommodation costs incurred.

If a delegate is unable to attend for any reason they may substitute, by arrangement with the conference organiser, someone else to attend in their place providing the replacement delegate provides complete registration and indemnity forms.