



YOUTH VOICE PROGRAM FAQs

What is a Youth Voice Program?

BABI's Youth Voice Program consists of two workers, a Youth Development Coordinator and an arts project worker.

Their role is to provide support to young people in Wynnum/Manly area and assist Youth Voice Committee in planning and delivery of various youth events and activities, through LINX- Wynnum Youth Space.

Youth Development Coordinator is responsible for creating a safe place where young people of Wynnum/Manly area can come and participate in positive workshops and learn new skills.

LINX- Wynnum Youth Space and Youth Voice Team encourage young people to come and join our workshops or just bring their friends and hang out at the youth space.

How is Youth Voice/Space Program funded?

This program is funded by Brisbane City Council and it aims to support and resource young people in accordance with the platforms of Council's Youth Strategy.

What sort of activities are developed and run by the Youth Voice Team?

Youth Voice Team in consultation with young people develops the Youth Space operating plans and we realize that all young people are different and they have varied interests in workshops and activities.

The activities and workshops delivered through LINX-Wynnum Youth Space therefore are a mixture of arts programs, cultural, recreational, life skills activities and sports.

For more information on current activities please call **BABI Youth and Family Support**.

Where is the Youth Voice Team based?

Youth Voice Team works from BABI and more specifically operates from LINX-Wynnum Youth Space located at BABI Youth and Family Support at 34 Bay Tce, Wynnum.

Why was the Youth Space developed in Wynnum area?

Youth Voice Team has identified a need for empowering young people in youth leadership and community and government decision-making.

We needed a place where young people could feel comfortable about sharing their ideas and designing and running their own projects and activities.

LINX- Wynnum Youth Space was developed in order to

- ❖ create a sense of empowerment and ownership with regards to promotion of harmony within each young person's community
- ❖ create a safe and meaningful place where young people can meet to exchange and develop ideas
- ❖ encourage understanding of cultural distinctions and difference
- ❖ to respect young peoples' rights, ideas and contributions as young people
- ❖ to use appropriate artforms to engage each participant's needs and interests

What are the operating hours of LINX- Wynnum Youth Space?

- *Youth Drop-ins are every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3.30-6pm.*
- *For more information and detailed "Activity Sheet" please contact the Youth Voice Team.*

Who can access LINX- Wynnum Youth Space?

- ALL young people (12-25yrs) that live in Wynnum/Manly area can access the Youth Space.
- All backgrounds
- School and non-school

What are the young people's rights and responsibilities when using LINX- Wynnum Youth Space?

Young people accessing the Youth Space have the right to:

- *Be treated with respect and have their participation valued.*
- *Be included regardless of sexuality, sex, able bodiness, cultural background, physical appearance, religion and school.*
- *Have equal access to resources in the Youth Space.*
- *Have your ideas, issues and concerns listened to and where possible responded to*
- *Expect assistance that is reliable, of a professional standard and sensitive to your needs*
- *Participate in decisions affecting them. (have a say in projects and programs delivered through Linx- Wynnum Youth Space)*
- *Assistance in developing skills and confidence.*
- *Through participation and active involvement, challenge negative stereotypes of young people in the community.*

Young people accessing the space have the responsibility to:

- *Respect other's property, opinions and personal space and be responsible for your own property while in the space.*
- *Respect other peoples rights, worth and dignity*
- *Not discriminate against others on the basis of sex, race, culture, language, religion, physical or intellectual disability, sexual preference or gender identity.*
- *Realize the effect your actions might have on others.*
- *Participate in decisions about what services they access and how they access them*
- *Clean up after yourself.*
- *Realize that bringing or accessing offensive material in the youth space is not O.K*
- *Follow the rules and guidelines of the "Youth Space" facility*
- *Not smoke while inside or be under the influence of drugs and alcohol while in the space.*
- *Talk to the project Coordinator if you are experiencing problems.*

My child always complains about being bored during the school holidays, are there any programs and workshops happening through LINX- Wynnum Youth Space, at this time?

Yes, Wynnum Youth Space has a variety of fun and educational programs for your child during school holidays.

Workshops include arts and crafts such as Photography Club and teaching young people how to use camera and photo editing, painting, Sports, rock climbing, ice skating, Music and dance, Movie Nights, Trivia Nights, skateboarding workshops, hip-hop dance etc.

We are also introducing life skills workshops where young people learn about budgeting, cooking, personal hygiene, self-defence, computer skills, resume writing, fitness, career advice etc.

Youth Voice Committee

The Youth Voice Committee began its work in May 2003 and aimed to generate positive image of youth in the Wynnum/Manly area.

One of their main aims was to establish a **Wynnum Youth Space**, safe place for all young people in Wynnum/Manly area to come and participate in variety of different youth initiatives, workshops and activities.

The committee held activities and regular 'get togethers' for all young people with the support of the Youth Participation Committee (made up of representatives from local youth service providers).

Today the collective has been re-established and is busily working on numerous projects for Wynnum/Manly in particular planning and delivering youth workshops/activities through LINX- Wynnum Youth Space based in BABI offices at 34 Bay Tce, Wynnum.

At present, our aim is to reduce the prejudice and negativity that is placed upon youth in the Wynnnum/Manly area and develop a non-judgemental space for the youth to enjoy and be proud to call their own.

Who is on the Youth Voice Committee and when and where do they meet?

Youth Voice Committee meets every fortnight on Wednesdays at LINX-Wynnnum Youth Space from 3.30-5pm.

Young people get together to discuss issues around the establishment of LINX - Wynnnum Youth Space. Youth development Worker is there to facilitate the meeting and support the individual young person's right to participate in decisions affecting them.

Young people participate in decision-making processes and contribute to all aspects of design and development of projects and programs as well as various "Youth Space" policies and procedures.

Worker role is to assist young people to develop skills, confidence and awareness so that they can take initiatives and tackle issues on their own.

What are the benefits of joining a Voice Team Committee?

This group of young people have the opportunity to learn leadership and peer support skills and this has been valuable to their personal growth and development.

Young people that participate are encouraged to bring their views forward on various issues surrounding LINX- Wynnnum Youth Space and bringing new perspectives on projects and programs.

Incorporating young people into design and delivery of "Youth Space" facilities makes our programs and policies more efficient and effective and based on diverse needs of youth in the local area.

Why should I join the Youth Voice committee?

- To share your ideas on issues affecting young people in the Bayside area.
- To promote positive youth activities and initiatives in the Wynnnum/Manly area.
- To make things happen for young people in your area
- To make a difference for young people in your community.
- To have a voice! regarding youth facilities and activities in Bayside area.
- To develop positive image of young people in your community.

How do I get more information about the upcoming events and activities?

*Please contact the **Youth Space Team** on 3393 4176.*