

Fogarty Foundation Youth Leadership Program

A joint initiative between The Fogarty
Foundation and Local Drug Action
Groups Inc.



Local Drug Action Groups

- Started in 1996 as a key recommendation of the drug summit
- Currently 63 branches throughout W.A
- Branches are comprised of volunteers
- STRIVE Project Grants available to branches on an ongoing basis
- Two programs – Fogarty Foundation Youth Leadership Program (FFYLP) and CONNECT



The Fogarty Foundation

- The Fogarty Foundation was established in May 2000 by Brett and Annie Fogarty
- Encourages people to aim for excellence and supports them in their endeavours to achieve their potential
- Involved with projects that focus on prevention and early intervention



FFYLP - Background

- Created in 2001, the program has developed in that time to encompass a multifaceted approach
- This includes the core of the program which is the two day workshop, as well as post training support, evaluation strategy and the Fogarty Youth Network



FFYLP Workshop

- Two day workshop
- 8 – 15 participants
- Consultation with community prior to workshop
- Usually linked in with a Local Drug Action Group – sustainability post workshop
- Hosted in the community rather than bringing participants to Perth
- Graduates can apply for up to \$2000 funding for a project and can form their own Local Drug Action Group



FFYLP Workshop

Day One

- Introduction to Leadership
- Alcohol and other Drugs
- Drug Classifications
- Harm Minimisation
- Drug Use Model
- Creative Activity



FFYLP Workshop

Day Two

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Local Issues Identified
- Community Action
- Event Planning
- Networking Lunch



Post Training Support

- Regular liaison with FFYLP Program Coordinator post training
- Linked in with Local Drug Action Group
- Linked in with local community networks
- Allocated mentor in community
- Follow up visits
- One day refresher courses if requested



Fogarty Youth Network

- Activate and collaborate the network of graduates
- Demonstrate Local Drug Action Groups commitment to ongoing contact, interaction and involvement with graduates and their communities



Evaluation Strategy

- Currently being developed
- Will be a comprehensive approach, monitoring the outcomes and achievements of graduates post training
- Aims to provide a clearer snapshot of how the training impacted on graduates lives and their future endeavours



Cyril Jackson Senior Campus

- 15 students
- Issues highlighted – binge drinking, drugs, lack of fun activities on campus
- Project Ideas – youth forum, health expo, karaoke competition, bands/DJ performance during lunch
- Outcomes – hosted a successful youth forum, graduates participate as part of the Local Drug Action Group, three projects since training



Cyril Jackson Graduates



Kalbarri

- 17 students
- Issues highlighted – binge drinking, not much to do in the town leading to boredom and graffiti
- Project Ideas – fix the BMX track, fix the skate park, alcohol and drug free disco, extreme sports day, surfing competition
- Outcomes – an ongoing 'Friday Night Hangout' as well as fixing the BMX track



Kalbarri Graduates



Tom Price

- 13 participants
- Issues highlighted – Bullying at the school and binge drinking
- Project Ideas – Peer Support Program to be developed and implemented at the school
- Outcomes – Peer Support Program was successfully implemented at the school, mentors were given badges, wrist bands to all students, positive outcomes still arising from this



Tom Price Graduates



Exmouth

- 16 students
- Issues highlighted – boredom, lack of fun activities, binge drinking and drugs
- Project Ideas – form a youth based Local Drug Action Group, alcohol and drug free disco, sports day with other towns, skate competition, health expo
- Outcomes – graduates have worked on 3 projects including a health expo, poster competition and pool party



Exmouth Graduates



Why it works

- Up-skills youth to become proactive youth leaders in their community
- Linking them in with local community contacts enables them to achieve their goals and work collaboratively
- Communities and schools are always supportive
- Post training support assists in keeping the projects and ideas rolling



Positive outcomes

- 600 graduates throughout W.A
- Some graduates have gone on to do community work, youth work and events management
- Successful projects post training motivate graduates to plan further projects and events



Future Directions

- Constantly developing program to stay relevant and appealing to youth
- Developing an extensive resource
- Further funding
- Developing an indigenous focus
- Youth forum for graduates at the end of year



Questions?



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