

The minimal Commonwealth investment of \$457,000 to YEAH provides huge national impact for the health and wellbeing of Young Australians

With more than 75% of all sexually transmitted infections occurring amongst young people aged 15-29; there is no question our focus to improve sexual health outcomes includes engaging young people.

In 2015 for this minimal annual investment YEAH delivered:

- Relevant and reliable **online sexual health content to more than 900,000 people**
- Its 7th year of Australia's only national youth led peer education and leadership program. This provided face-to-face inclusive, age appropriate sexual health information and life skills to **more than 10,000 young people**.
- **62 sexual health community workshops and events** to schools, universities and youth services (**12 more than YEAH was funded to deliver**).
- Peer education training and support to **147 young volunteers registered** with the Agents of YEAH peer education program.
- Monthly updates on best practice sexual health educational resources to **1,350 healthcare professionals, teachers** and others who work with young people.
- Monthly sexual health information in an authentic youth voice to **10,400 young people** on a range of critical topics including consent, negotiation skills and preventing STIs.
- Growth of its online [Red Aware sexual health campaign](#) reach to **60 new young people each week**.
- Distribution of **2117 free sexual health information kits**.
- A national partnership with the Australian Medical Students Association to deliver sexual health **workshops and resources to 8000+ medical students**.

In 2014 YEAH received \$206,600 for a specific project to extend the reach and impact of its peer education program and health promotion activities through a regional touring music festival. Through this investment YEAH also delivered:

- Accurate, youth friendly sexual health promotional activities to **82,620 young people across regional cities in six states and territories**.
- The health promotion **investment** for this project was **\$2.50 per young person reached**
- **Direct sexual health peer led conversations with 13,200+ young people**
- Access to new information about sexual health, with young people reporting **YEAH helped them to learn about: Sexually Transmitted Infections (57%), How to safely and correctly use condoms and barrier methods (42%), sexual health testing (35%)**

Commonwealth funding to this additional project was cut in 2015; despite the strong evidence base for its high impact and return on investment.

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