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YOUTH IMPACT GROUP (YIG) APPLICANT INFORMATION

The Tasmanian Community Fund (TCF) supports programs in Tasmania that make a real and lasting difference for Tasmanians. The TCF recognises young people as experts in their own lives, who have the knowledge and capacity to influence decisions and discussions that affect and matter to them.

The Youth Impact Group is being created so that there is a formal way for young people to voice their concerns and influence the decisions of the TCF Board. Over time the Youth Impact Group will increase its involvement in TCF grant-making decisions.

About the Youth Impact Group

The Youth Impact Group (YIG) is a team of up to nine young Tasmanians aged 14-19 who come together to share their ideas, advice, and unique perspectives with the TCF Board. The YIG will help decide what the TCF should fund and how this happens.

The aim of YIG is to:

- give young people a say in voicing their insights on matters and issues that are important to them and that are related to the work of the Tasmanian Community Fund;
- ground the Tasmanian Community Fund's funding strategy through the voices of young people; and
- empower young people to make recommendations about funding for projects that are important to them.

For more information, you can read the terms of reference here

[www.tascomfund.org/about-us/
youth-impact-group](http://www.tascomfund.org/about-us/youth-impact-group)

Who can apply?

We want to hear from all kinds of young people from across Tasmania! You don't need any special skills or experience to apply—just be yourself.

You need to be aged between 14 and 19 years when you apply and living in Tasmania. If you are under 18 years you will need permission from a parent or guardian before you can join the YIG. Those who are 16 years or older will need a Working with Vulnerable People card (which we can help you to get and pay for).

We want all kinds of voices at the table! No matter where you come from, your experiences and opinions matter. We're committed to making sure everyone feels welcome and supported. We welcome applicants from all backgrounds and communities including those from rural, urban and regional areas as well as those with varying educational, cultural and personal experiences.

Why would I apply?

This is your chance to have a say in how the Tasmanian Community Fund spends its money—helping to remove barriers to learning for other young people like you! The TCF gives out \$7 million every year to fund projects that make a real difference.

You will meet and work closely with other young people from around Tasmania and community leaders on the TCF Board.

It's a great way to grow, make new friends, and learn about what's going on around Tasmania. Plus, you'll gain some awesome skills for the future.

How do I apply?

You can apply online through Smarty Grants here <https://tascomfund.smartygrants.com.au/YouthImpactGroup2025>

In the application form you are asked to tell us your name, where you live, your age and how we can contact you.

You are asked to write short answers to three questions:

1. What makes you excited about joining the Youth Impact Group, and what do you think you can bring to it?
2. Can you think of a time when you worked in a team? What was that experience like for you – anything you really enjoyed or found tricky?
3. Have you ever taken action on something you care about or spoken up in a group about an issue? We'd love to hear about what you did and how it went!

Tell us what you think are the biggest issues facing young people in Tasmania right now. You can either record a short video or write it down—whatever you prefer.

You will also be asked to include the name and contact details for a referee – someone that we can phone who knows you and can talk to us about what you would bring to the Youth Impact Group.

If you have any questions about the YIG or the application process, feel free to call or email us. If you'd rather apply by video instead of writing, just let us know, and we'll help you with the next steps!

Call 03 6270 5843 and ask to speak with Lola or email admin@tascomfund.org

Timeline for Applications

Make sure to apply before the deadline – April 17, 2025.

Apply here: <https://tascomfund.smartygrants.com.au/YouthImpactGroup2025>

After you apply, we will email you to let you know we received your application.

Once we've reviewed all applications, we may contact you for a brief introduction or follow-up questions to better understand your perspective and interests.

We will contact you by email after the applications close to let you know the outcome.

Information if you are invited to join the Youth Impact Group 2025

Where and when will meetings be held?

- We will meet in person three times a year
- We will meet on a Saturday or Sunday, in a central place (usually in Launceston or Campbell Town) between 10am and 3pm.
- Throughout the year, we'll meet online about once a month to check in, discuss ongoing projects, and keep the conversation going
- There will be some work to do between meetings, but it'll be worth it. We just ask that you're committed to showing up and being involved
- The TCF will cover all the costs for you to travel to and from meetings

How long do I serve on the YIG?

Members usually join the YIG for three years, but during this set-up year, you may be invited to join for 1, 2 or 3 years. We understand that life can change quickly, so if your circumstances change and you need to step back, that's okay.

Is this a paid role?

Although this is a volunteer role, we provide a \$200 gift voucher as a thank you for your time at each face to face meeting, and we cover all travel costs to ensure that your participation is as easy as possible. We'll also provide great catering at every meeting.

Child and Youth Safety

All children and young people have the right to feel and be safe, to be heard in matters that affect them and to be protected from harm.

Your participation is voluntary and you can choose to withdraw at any time and you are not required to give an explanation as to why. If you ever feel uncomfortable or have any concerns, we encourage you to reach out to a TCF staff member or a trusted adult. You can also provide anonymous feedback to the Strong Families, Safe Kids – Advice and Referral Line on 1800 000 123 or via the Independent Regulator 1800 754 728 or www.oir.tas.gov.au

The TCF is committed to child safety and wellbeing, and complies with obligations set by the Tasmanian Government *Child and Youth Safe Organisations Act 2023*. Under the Reportable Conduct Scheme we are required to notify the Independent Regulator if we become aware of conduct related to child abuse involving an adult worker, and conduct investigations. In Tasmania, mandatory reporting requirements are outlined in the *Children, Young Persons and Their Families Act (TAS) 1997*. If a disclosure or observation is made that raises concern for the safety, wellbeing or welfare of a child, the TCF will report this to the Strong Families, Safe Kids – Advice and Referral Line on 1800 000 123 in the first instance. Relevant authorities will be contacted where required.

All TCF staff and board members have completed child safeguarding training and hold a valid Working with Vulnerable People registration.

Further information regarding TCF's child and youth safety practices can be viewed at www.tascomfund.org/about-us/child-safe

