

## **SETS Community of Practice**

### **Communique: First meeting of the Youth sub-group**

#### **Videoconference – 11 August 2020**

On 11 August, the SETS Community of Practice (SETS CoP) held its first meeting for members of the Youth sub-group. The meeting was co-facilitated by Nadine Liddy (MYAN) and the SETSCoP Secretariat.

#### **Terms of Reference and Interaction Rules**

Attendees agreed with the updated SETSCoP Terms of Reference (TOR) and Interaction Rules. There was a suggestion to include a statement on how information is fed back from SETSCoP to the Department of Home Affairs. The TOR will be adjusted accordingly.

#### **Area of focus**

COVID-19 has created some additional challenges for young people supported by SETS providers. Attendees shared some current issues, which include:

- concerns about youth-specific funding
- difficulty with digital inclusion
- challenges engaging young people in SETS
- limited cultural awareness from some mainstream services
- limited support in education and intensive language classes
- an appetite for more youth training and professional development for SETS workers.

Keeping in mind the issues shared and the diversity of service providers delivering SETS, attendees noted benefit in mapping out current strategies and best practice.

There was general consensus to collectively map out the work that providers are doing in relation to:

- engagement strategies with youth
- mental health services
- digital access
- working with mainstream services

Attendees highlighted the value that the National Youth Settlement Framework, Australian Government National Settlement Framework and SETS guidelines play in guiding the support of young people under SETS.

There was also discussion that a future focus for this sub-group could be to develop a resource for SETS that incorporates the NYSF, the National Settlement Framework and SETS guidelines.

The secretariat will send out the mapping template for sub-group members to complete prior to the next meeting.

### **Other business**

Some providers expressed concern about the impact of the border closure on Humanitarian Settlement Program (HSP) client numbers, and in turn its impact on SETS.

There was general consensus on the value of continuing peer collaboration offline and the opportunity for mentoring. Sub-group member contact details will be shared.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will focus on discussing the youth projects and initiatives collated in the template and the next steps for youth sub-group.

### **Resources shared**

- [National Youth Settlement Framework 2020 Ed. \(MYAN\)](#)
- [SETSCoP Terms of Reference and Interaction Rules](#)