



Fairfield City Council - NSW

Youth Advisory Committee Training, 2008

In January 2008 Fairfield City Council was looking for some professional training for their Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Their objective was to provide the youth with leadership skills, confidence and other key skills for their team.

The Frank Team put together a full day program for the YAC that covered the importance of having a VOICE and the power that comes with that voice, leadership and self, effective teams and team building , public speaking, project planning for success and advocacy skills.

These key areas were brought to life through games, discussion, self reflection and practical activities that had the YAC members interacting and learning from each other and their Frank Team facilitator.

Many of the YAC members started the day off very quietly and kept to themselves as they were unsure and not very confident. As the day progressed and more activities were completed they all began to come out of their shells and interact with each other. The day ended with individual public speaking presentations by everyone, something many of them would never have been able to do at the beginning of the day. The team also worked on their project planning and walked away with key action plans to forward their ideas for their community which was very empowering.

“Overall it was a great day which the youth gained from well done on the effort” Shamak Aicha, Youth Advisory Committee Convenor, Fairfield City Council

What participants said about the day:

“I enjoy and love the facilitator, how sweet she is.”

“ It was mega fun ☺.”

“ Today was to learn how to express your views and how to work well and efficiently as a team, thank you for this.”

Other Councils The Frank Team has worked with over the last 6 years:

- Snowy River Council, NSW
- Canterbury Council, NSW
- Rural City of Wangaratta, VIC
- Sutherland Shire Council, NSW
- Lithgow Council, NSW
- Blue Mountains City Council, NSW
- Monto/Eidsvold (combined) Councils , QLD
- Lane Cove Council, NSW
- Blacktown City Council, NSW
- Eurobodalla Shire Council, NSW
- Livingstone Shire Council, QLD