



## THE 2018 WESTERN AUSTRALIAN YOUTH WORK AWARDS

The 2018 Western Australian Youth Work Awards are an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate and recognise outstanding youth workers in Western Australia.

Youth Work WA is now looking for nominations that provide evidence of outstanding commitment and performance from individuals currently serving as a youth worker.

We welcome the nomination of any persons you think are exceptional and deserve to be recognised for their work and achievements as a Youth Worker, be it someone you work with, someone you have had contact with in the sector or someone you know. We encourage people who have previously been nominated to nominate again, self-nomination is also encouraged.

The objectives of the WA Youth Work Awards are to;

- recognise outstanding youth workers that model best practice in Youth Work
- celebrate great stories of Youth Work
- promote the value of Youth Work and Youth Workers in WA to government and the community

### IMPORTANT DATES

Entries close 5th October, 2018

Shortlisting completed 19th October, 2018

Interviews with finalists will occur the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2018

Winners will be announced at the WA Youth Work Awards Sundowner on Friday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. The venue is Verdict, at the Court Hotel in Perth.

**THE WA YOUTH WORK AWARDS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS, YOUTH FUTURES WA, MISSION AUSTRALIA, ANGLICARE WA, YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, WHITELION, AND CITY OF SWAN.**

## CATEGORIES

In 2018 there will be four awards:

- Category 1 - Youth Futures WA *Emerging Youth Worker Award*
- Category 2 - Mission Australia *Regional WA Youth Worker Award*
- Category 3 - Anglicare WA *Professional Youth Worker Award*
- Category 4 - Youth Affairs Council of WA *Recognition of Significant Contribution to Youth Work Award*

## SELECTION CRITERIA

All Youth Workers nominated need to be members or apply for membership to Youth Work WA, which entails working within the Code of Ethics for Youth Workers in WA.

### **CATEGORY 1 – YOUTH FUTURES WA EMERGING YOUTH WORKER AWARD**

This category recognises a WA Youth Worker with 1 – 6 years' experience in the Industry that:

- Models highest professional standards in their daily practice as a Youth Worker
- Demonstrates exceptional Youth Work skills to achieve outstanding outcomes with young people

### **CATEGORY 2 – MISSION AUSTRALIA REGIONAL YOUTH WORKER AWARD**

This category recognises a WA Youth Worker that works in rural or remote area of WA that:

- Models highest professional standards in their daily practice as a Youth Worker
- Demonstrates exceptional youth work skills to achieve outstanding outcomes with young people

### **CATEGORY 3 – ANGLICARE WA PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORKER AWARD**

This category recognises a WA Youth Worker with over 7 years' experience in the industry that:

- Models highest professional standards in their daily practice as a Youth Worker
- Has achieved excellent tangible community level outcomes with their area of Youth Work
- Demonstrates exceptional skills that have resulted in the outstanding outcomes for young people

### **CATEGORY 4 - YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WA RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH WORK AWARD**

This category recognises an individual who has made a significant contribution to Youth Work that:

- Has significantly advanced the cause of young people/and or Youth Work in WA

## WHAT DO YOU NEED TO DO?

Complete the following nomination form which includes the award criteria. Make sure you support your statements with specific examples that address the award criteria and elaborate on why the nominee's accomplishments are worthy of the award. These examples should include outcomes, results, and/or activities 'above and beyond' the nominee's job description. Your application should be no more than 1000 words, preferably typed, including a word count. Please note that content in the application that exceeds the 1000 word count will not be considered.

We recommend you involve the person you are nominating in the application process. They should be able to make sure your application is accurate and outlines all their accomplishments.

*You can nominate yourself.*

Remember you can nominate more than one youth worker, but they need to be separate applications. Completed forms should be emailed to [connect@youthworkwa.org.au](mailto:connect@youthworkwa.org.au)

## **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 5TH**

It is preferred that Finalists are able to attend the WA Youth Work Awards Sundowner, which will be held during Youth Work Week on **Friday November 9, 2018** where the winners for 2018 will be formally announced.

The winners will be asked to agree that Youth Work WA can use their profile and photographs in all publicity about the awards and ceremony.

**The Nomination Form begins on the next page. You need to complete Sections A- E for every nomination, then only complete Category 1, 2, 3 or 4 depending on which award category you are nominating someone for.**

# 2018 NOMINATION FORM

## SECTION A

Which category are you entering?

- Category 1 - Youth Futures WA *Emerging Youth Worker Award*
- Category 2 - Mission Australia *Regional WA Youth Worker Award*
- Category 3 - Anglicare WA *Professional Youth Worker Award*
- Category 4 - Youth Affairs Council of WA *Recognition of Significant Contribution to Youth Work Award*

*Please tick one category only*

## SECTION B – NOMINEE DETAILS

Nominee's name (them):

Address:

Postcode:

Contact number:

Email:

## SECTION C: NOMINATOR DETAILS

Name (you):

Postal Address:

Suburb:

Postcode:

Contact phone:

Email:

In what capacity do you know the nominee?

### **Declaration:**

I understand the information contained in this entry may be used to promote the WA Youth Worker Awards. To the best of my knowledge, this information is true and correct.

Signature (type your name):

Date:

## **SECTION D: CONTENTS OF YOUR ENTRY**

Please include the following items in your entry:

A completed nomination form

A written response (maximum 1 000 words, preferably typed including a word count) outlining the achievements of the nominee

A high-resolution digital image of the individual (can be supplied later)

## **SECTION E: REFEREE DETAILS**

Please give the details of a referee whom we can contact to supply further information about the individual you have nominated. Please note, the referee should not be related to the nominee.

Name of referee:

Postal Address:

Postcode:

Work Telephone:

Mobile:

Email:

Job title/organisation:

In what capacity does the referee know this individual?

You should now only complete either Category 1, 2, 3, or 4 on the following pages, depending on your nomination category.

# SECTION F: RESPONSES TO THE SELECTION CRITERIA

## CATEGORY ONE: YOUTH FUTURES WA EMERGING YOUTH WORKER AWARD

1. The nominee is or has applied to be a Student or Full Member of Youth Work WA

Yes

No

2. The nominee has 1-6 years' experience as a Youth Worker (may include study)

Yes

No

3. Outline why you think this nominee's daily practice as a Youth Worker reflects the highest professional standards.

4. By making specific reference to the Australian Definition of Youth Work describe at least 2 situations in which the nominee has used their skills to achieve outstanding outcomes with young people.

*"Youth work is a practice that places young people and their interests first. Youth work is a relational practice, where the youth worker operates alongside the young person in their context. Youth work is an empowering practice that advocates for and facilitates a young person's independence, participation in society, connectedness and realisation of their rights." AYAC 2013.*

**If you have nominated someone under this Category, this is the end of the nomination form.**

## CATEGORY TWO: MISSION AUSTRALIA REGIONAL WA YOUTH WORKER AWARD

1. The nominee is eligible to be a member of Youth Work WA

Yes

No

2. Outline why you think this nominee's daily practice as a Youth Worker reflects the highest professional standards.

3. Describe at least 2 situations where the nominee has demonstrated exceptional skills resulting in outstanding outcomes with young people.

Please use skills outlined in the Australian definition of Youth Work as a reference:

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## **CATEGORY THREE: ANGLICARE WA PROFESSIONAL YOUTH WORKER AWARD**

1. The nominee has applied for or is a Full Member of Youth Work WA

Yes

No

2. The nominee has had a minimum of 7 years as a Youth Worker (this can include youth work study at Certificate IV and above)

Yes

No

3. Outline why you think this nominee's daily practice as a Youth Worker reflects the highest professional standards

4. Describe at least 2 tangible community level outcomes the nominee has achieved within their area of Youth Work

5. Describe situations where the nominee has demonstrated exceptional skills resulting in outstanding outcomes with young people.

Please use skills outlined in the Australian definition of Youth Work as a reference:

*"Youth work is a practice that places young people and their interests first. Youth work is a relational practice, where the youth worker operates alongside the young person in their context. Youth work is an empowering practice that advocates for and facilitates a young person's independence, participation in society, connectedness and realisation of their rights." AYAC 2013*

**If you have nominated someone under this Category, this is the end of the nomination form.**

## **CATEGORY FOUR: YOUTH AFFAIRS COUNCIL OF WA RECOGNITION OF SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO YOUTH WORK AWARD**

1. Describe how the nominee has significantly advanced the cause of young people/ and or Youth Work in WA.

**If you have nominated someone under this Category, this is the end of the nomination form.**

**ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR ANSWERS**