**We are looking for young people to be part of the**

**headspace Wonthaggi Youth Advisory Group (YAG)**

**Are you aged between 12 and 25 and live, work or study in South Gippsland/Bass Coast? Do you have something to say about youth mental health?**

**What is the headspace local Youth Advisory Group (YAG)?**

* Leading a project in your local area
* Website consultation and development
* Research and evaluation of headspace services
* Consultation around resource development such as: factsheets, brochures, radio ads etc.
* Peer support and mentoring

**By getting involved, you will:**

* Have the opportunity to have your say and direct youth mental health services in Australia
* Develop new skills
* Meet and work with other young people who are passionate about youth mental health
* Make a difference to youth mental health

**headspace** will provide some training to support you to participate in the above groups or activities.

**How do I get involved?** Complete the application form, scan and email it to info@headspacewonthaggi.org.au or you can post or drop it into headspace Wonthaggi - 5b Murray Street Wonthaggi 3995

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| Who can apply?We are looking for anyone aged between 12 and 25 who live, work and study in South Gippsland/Bass Coast**We want you to apply if:*** You have had your own experiences of feeling depressed, anxious or another mental health issue
* You have a friend or family member who has/or had a mental illness or drug addiction
* You feel passionate about and are interested in mental health issues
* This group is keen to hear the voices of ALL young people

If you think this group is for you - please apply! |

**headspace Wonthaggi Youth Advisory Group (YAG) application form**

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| Personal Details |
| Name |  |
| Phone |  |
| Email |  |
| Address | Street:Town:Post code: |
| Date of birth |  |

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| What languages do you speak at home? |  |
| Where were you born? |  |
| Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? |  |
| Are you from a rural or remote area? |  |
| Do you have a family member with a mental health problem |  |
| Do you identify as having/had a mental health problem? |  |
| Is this something that you would be happy (and feel comfortable) talking about? |  |

**About You**

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| Please tell us a bit about yourself? |
| *(For example: I am 15 years old and attend School/work/other study and I like skate-boarding etc)* |
| Please describe why you are interested in becoming a Youth Advisory Group (YAG) member? |
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| What skills and ideas could you bring to the Youth Advisory Group (YAG)? |
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| Are you involved in any other organisations? If yes, which ones and what is your involvement? |
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**All applicants must apply for a current Working with Children’s Check, this is FREE for Volunteers and our Community Engagement Officer can support you through this process – it’s easy!**

**Over 18s must also undergo a current and satisfactory police check, this is at the cost of headspace Wonthaggi (we will reimburse you) and our Community Engagement Officer can support you through this process as well.**