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Local government and Youth Network celebrate Tasmanian's future leaders

The local government sector is celebrating Tasmanian Youth Week with a webinar encouraging young people to engage with their local communities.

Hosted by the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) and the Youth Network of Tasmania (YNOT), the forum brings together elected representatives and council staff who want to better understand the views of young people and youth who want more opportunities to have a say on issues impacting their lives.

Youth Week Tasmania 2022 is held from 4th – 10th April, and is a unique opportunity to recognise the next generation of Tasmanian leaders and change-makers who are shaping our state.

LGAT President, West Tamar Council Mayor and Australian Local Government Association Vice President, Christina Holmdahl said she hopes the forum encourages more young people to consider nominating in the upcoming local government elections.

“We are making progress with more young people interested in standing for local government but there’s more work to do,” Mayor Holmdahl said.

“I will continue to encourage young Tasmanians to represent their local communities, find their voice and be part of change,” she said.

YNOT Chief Executive Officer Tania Hunt said Youth Week provides young people aged 12-25 years with an opportunity to celebrate being a young person in Tasmania.

“Youth Week Tasmania is about acknowledging the amazing contributions young people make in their communities as well as providing young people with a platform to showcase their talent and skills.”

“It gives young people an opportunity to express their views and ideas, raise issues of concern, and to actively participate in events designed by and for young people,” Ms Hunt said.

It’s a wonderful opportunity to highlight the important role young people play in the community; and to encourage young people to consider running for local government.

The Youth Network of Tasmania is the peak body for young people aged 12-25 years and the non-government youth sector in Tasmania.

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