

# Youth Led Grants Previous Recipients

Young persons name | Project name | Amount Received

Miski Awad| Creativity Club | \$3000

**Project Description:** In this project, we aim to host up to 5 workshops which will include sessions on 2 pottery workshops, 1 hair braiding workshop and 2 baking workshops. These workshops have been chosen based on the results of a surveying 15 young people about their top 3 most preferred creative workshops from a list of 10. These workshops will be located at Fitzroy Learning Network, and give participants a creative outlet in a safe, inclusive space. With the support of staff members (which will be paid separately from the grant money) young people will get paid opportunities to learn how to facilitate the workshops and take responsibility for the sessions. The end goal will be to hold a market at FLN or as part of the Stay Soft market in Collingwood Yards, where we will sell our creations and services.

The workshops will take place in term 4 of 2021 or term 1 of 2022 and involve up to 15 participants.

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Casper Plum| SOLID | \$3000

**Project Description:** SOLID is a contemporary movement piece that involves the exploration of masculinity and the ways we connect to our bodies. It will embrace masculinity and identity in all its complexities. Exploring an emotional and physical landscape on the performers' bodies. The ensemble will be made up of people who are trans, non-binary and cis and identify with masculinity.

SOLID is an installation work where the body becomes the art. The audience will experience the work as visually striking and confronting with a highly stylized set. SOLID is a political statement that gives voice to the transmasculine experience and looks towards a new future for masculinity. It rebels against social norms and essentialism.

This grant will be used to pay the 5 x performers (including musician Ivy Lou also 17 years old who will create an original score for the work). We will rehearse in January 2022 at The Barkly Studio (City of Yarra) ahead of a presentation season for the Midsummer Festival (25 Jan-29th Jan, 2022). This grant will also in part support for the set construction.

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Adnan Abdella| Sunday Futsal Program | \$3000

**Project Description:** Yarra United Football Club is a local nonprofit soccer club that is in need of funding. Yarra United offers local youngsters the opportunity to participate in a free futsal competition that's played on Sundays to promote health and well-being, mental health, teamwork, being physically active, and staying off the streets, with football being the most successful option. Financial support will go towards registration fees and uniforms for 10 young people.

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Clara Chanisheff |The Smell of... | \$3000

**Project Description:** This project is going to enable young communities to explore themes of gender identity and mental health whilst developing practical skills in olfactory art creation and perfume making using aroma molecule chemicals, resins, and essential oils.

Delivered over a 4 part series of workshops (1 every 3 weeks) at the Edinburgh Gardens Community Room.

Workshops 1 and 2 will have Ph.D. Psychologist; Anna Smout speaking about the effects of mental health, with its relation to youth. After learning about the association of memory and scent with the direct link to the brain, participants will create a 10ml fragrance 'safe smell'.

Workshops 3 and 4 will explore what a genderless fragrance is. After learning about the history of scent and the connotations that come with it, participants will unlearn what traditionally a gendered scent is.

Participants will create their own 10ml fragrance/smell piece that explores the history of scent whilst unlearning the gender constructs of what 'female' and 'male' scent means. The aim of the 4 workshops is for young communities to broaden and widen their range of understanding on mental health and gender constructs whilst implementing practical skills in perfumery and scent making.

I aim to host 10 youth per session (\$31.25 a ticket) with promotion through the Yarra community center and various social media platforms.

With olfactory research being limited yet key in new age thinking, it's led me to develop this project for youth to explore their sensory creativity with relation to scent and memory for the Yarra.

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Abdulmalik Abdurahman | Community Youth & Coaches Pathway Program | \$3000

**Project Description:** Fitzroy Lions Soccer Club recognises the enormous value of providing young people an opportunity to develop by using sports as vehicle to connect with their peers and community at large. We engage with young females and males to be become leaders in our club to improve future generations' sense of self-confidence and healthy active lifestyles.

There are many young people in the community aspiring to become a footballer, coach and a leader in our community but lacks opportunity. Therefore, through this grant we want to provide them that opportunity to attain such an employable skills, coaching and leadership. While also gaining a strong social connection and support circle that they can carry to create positive futures for themselves. With this youth-led grant we would also like to enhance the skills of young people in the community through our Melbourne Victory Football Club Partnership, where our players offered an opportunity to train with their academy teams and coaches mentorship.

Young people living in social housing experience financial and social barriers to access pathway development in their interested sports. For young people, the adolescent years is a critical time during which they experience significant physical, mental and emotional change. Inability to access development program to pursuit their dream of becoming a professional athlete is near impossible mainly due to financial difficulties. Therefore, as a club we are doing all we can to ensure young people are given an opportunity to chase their dreams without dwelling about their families financial status.

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Bashir Farah | Yarra Youth Voices | \$3000

**Project Description:** The objective of the Yarra Youth Voice Group Project is for the youth of Yarra to have key access to decision making processes in their community. The other objective is to provide access to networks, opportunities and development for youth who live across Yarra. The forum will seek to assist and to hear from youth. It will seek to hear and action the “voice” of youth.

The location of the Yarra estates and it will be hosting in all the three estates with the contribution of the Youth. The timeline of the project will be the remainder of 2022. We will be looking to start the project in April and it will continue if we are successful and we get more grants. This grant particularly will be used to host the launch event, which will host the youth on the Yarra housing estates. We will provide a series of entertainment, guest speakers and food.

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Semir Imam | Mental Health First Aid for Richmond Youth | \$3000

**Project Description:** This project will fund 20 young people from the Richmond Public Housing Estate to participate in Teen Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training with a qualified instructor.

Training will take place at the North Richmond Community Health Centre, located on the Richmond housing estate, in partnership with the Richmond Youth Hub and Richmond High.

The 3.5-hour Teen MHFA Course teaches high school students in years 10-12, and years 7-9, how to provide mental health first aid to their friends. The course was developed in response to research indicating that young people have a preference for sharing problems with peers. The course curriculum is based on a study undertaken to determine the best actions a young person can undertake to support a peer with a mental health problem (<https://mhfa.com.au/cms/teen-mhfa-course-information>).

The courses will run through school term 3, 2022 (11/7/22 - 16/9/22)

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Last year, I filed for this grant, which was quite beneficial in helping us with home and away uniforms as well as season registration costs. Now, the team is on its way to a higher level since we have uniforms, which was one of the primary factors that held us back the previous year.

This year's funding, on the other hand, is for a second team of younger boys who are having similar challenges and have had to cease playing this year. Now I'd want to use this opportunity to assist them in forming a team, returning to the sport, and staying

away from the streets, where they've been spending a lot of time recently. The funds will be used to cover the costs of registration and uniforms for ten young people.

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Niamh O'Connor Smith | Screenprinting climate art for young people | \$3000

**Project Description:** Arranging for young people to learn how to screen-print climate messages onto dead stock fashion waste. The young people would be recruited from Yarra Youth Services, Extinction Rebellion Youth and Student Strike for Climate. The workshops would be preceded by talks relating to how the climate emergency will effect young people and how the fashion industry is culpable in its contribution to carbon emissions. These talks can be held at YYS and the Screenprinting held at J Studios 100 Barkley st North Fitzroy. The workshops will increase young peoples awareness of the climate emergency and enable them to develop skills to engage in the message. The workshops and talks will be held from June to May 2023.

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Bol Macuach | The Seed Network | \$3000

**Project Description:** The Seed Network is a project where I sit down with people from African backgrounds to talk about their journey to Australia and the challenges they faced on the way here, I've also sat down with my younger siblings to talk about their experiences being born here.

My aim with the help of the grant is to have more guests on that I can pay to join me to share their incredible stories. The location will be either Richmond, Fitzroy or the Youthworx centre in Brunswick depending on what works best for the guests.

The timeline will be roughly within 15 to 20 weeks this will allow me to drop an episode each week with roughly 5-10 young people and 5-10 leaders in the community and an events at then end where we can have a live episode with a special guest.