



Pam Barker joins Yfoundations as the new Chief Executive Officer

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Yfoundations, NSW Peak Body representing youth homelessness, has welcomed Pam Barker as our new Chief Executive Officer.

Pam joins Yfoundations with extensive experience across the not for profit sector working at ACON - New South Wales largest LGBTIQ Health Service. At ACON Pam managed the Health & Wellbeing Program, supporting not for profit health & wellbeing organisations to deliver safe and inclusive services to LGBTIQ people across their life span.

Previously Pam managed Open Doors Youth Service, QLD's largest LGBTIQ youth service supporting young people aged 12–24 years. Open Doors Youth Service is a Reconnect funded organisation providing homelessness prevention and psychosocial support to young people. Pam advocated for change in policy reform at both state and federal government levels partnering with stakeholders to affect change across QLD for LGBTIQ Youth.

"I am looking forward to making a meaningful difference again across the homelessness sector. Young people are my passion they need to be listened to, seen, supported and afforded the freedoms and respect that allow them to live flourishing and meaningful lives" Pam said.

Pam is studying her degree in Psychology and will register as a Clinical Health Psychologist specialising in youth and sits on the board of WayAhead Mental Health Association.

We welcome Pam to the team and look forward to her sharing her knowledge, wisdom and passion across the homelessness sector to support our members and improve the lives of young people across NSW.

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About Yfoundations

Yfoundations is the peak body for youth homelessness in NSW. It represents young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness in NSW, and also represents the services that provide direct support to children and young people.

<http://yfoundations.org.au/>

Since it was founded as the “Youth Refuge Action Group” in 1979, Yfoundations has been supporting young people who are at risk of and experiencing homelessness and works collaboratively with members, NGOs, government departments and community members, to provide policy and structural advocacy, services for young people, health projects, and research and sector development.

Yfoundations believes that with access to mechanisms that support the development and attainment of each foundation, a young person is more likely to enter adulthood with the skills, interests, competencies and healthy behaviours necessary build a productive and bright future.