

# Annual Report 2012

Connecting the dots to  
create a future without youth homelessness

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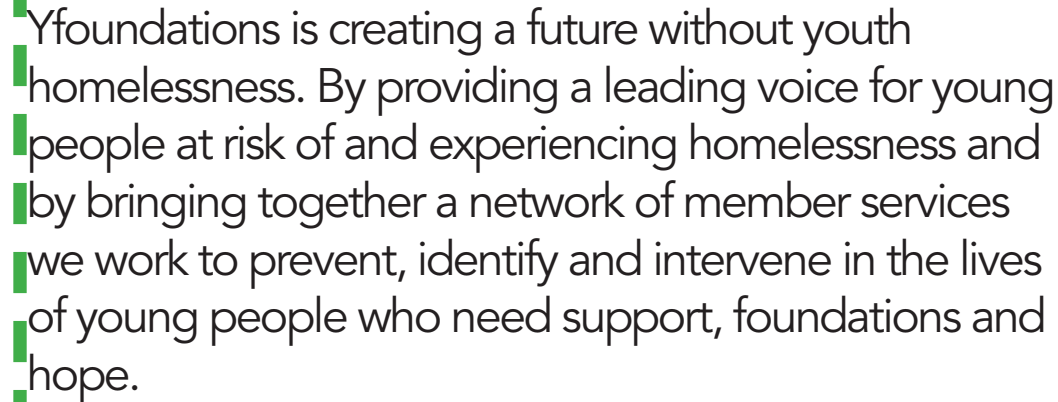
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Yfoundations is creating a future without youth homelessness. By providing a leading voice for young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness and by bringing together a network of member services we work to prevent, identify and intervene in the lives of young people who need support, foundations and hope.

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# Letter from the Presidents: creating Yfoundations' future



Dear Members,

For Yfoundations, 2012 has been a year of taking stock of our achievements and planning for the future. It's the second year we've focused on promoting the five foundations that support young people and prevent homelessness including wellbeing, home and place, diversity, fairness and connections.

The Board has put in considerable time to continuously review the organisation's performance against the strategic plan and worked on the development of a business plan for the future. Working closely with management and staff, we have assessed new projects and identified how we can ensure Yfoundations remains sustainable while growing our support for young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

Our assessment included a deep analysis of the trends within New South Wales and the Specialist Youth Homelessness Sector.

While the horizon is unpredictable, over the coming years we are likely to experience the following:

- The most radical governmental reform of the Specialist Youth Homelessness Sector in NSW since the industry's birth in 1985;
- A growing need to support, identify and get to know families that support young couch surfers;

- An increased presence of recently migrated and refugee young people in the specialist youth homelessness system;
- A lack of exit points for young people to leave homelessness;
- Greater coordination with schools and employment agencies to fill current gaps within the system; and
- A growing inequality in the distribution of Australia's wealth, increasing the probability of homelessness among young people.

The Specialist Youth Homelessness Sector has made significant inroads into identifying the causes of youth homelessness and developing appropriate responses. These lessons and developments of approaches over the years should be cause for optimism.


Yfoundations is committed to a continued investment in the youth homelessness support system while also expanding investment in prevention, early intervention and appropriate youth specific housing models to increase exit points from homelessness.

A shared commitment across the community, public and private sectors must be had to end youth homelessness and address its causes. Our future needs to incorporate the successes of the past with the many opportunities and partnerships of the future.

There is clearly still much to be done and Yfoundations will need all of the support and input of our membership to achieve 'a future without youth homelessness'.

On behalf of the Board, we would like to commend the efforts and professionalism of the staff at Yfoundations and special thanks also goes to our many members, supporters and volunteers who commit time, passion, knowledge and skill to making sure all young people have the change to achieve their dreams.

Yours sincerely,  
Brett Paradise & Mary Biddle  
Co-Presidents



## CEO Report: Michael Coffey

Dear Members,

I am pleased to present Yfoundations Annual Report for the year 2011-2012. This report marks my tenth year as Chief Executive Officer and nearly twenty-five years working for Yfoundations. My CEO report this year recognises our progress in achieving the goals set out in our strategic plan and highlights some of the future opportunities arising out of this work.

During my time with Yfoundations, the service and policy sector set to address youth homelessness has certainly changed. The demand for services and youth housing has increased. We have seen a sharp rise in the number of young people with complex needs and services have changed their responses to accommodate for these changes. Yet through all this, the number of stand alone services has been declining.

In the next twelve months we could potentially see some of the most significant changes to the 'youth homelessness sector' since the start of Supported Accommodation Assistance Program in 1985. With the announcement of the Going Home Staying Home (GSH) reform agenda by Minister Pru Goward in July 2012, we are filling our sails for a strong year ahead.

GSH and the debate of a 'second down payment' on the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) is providing us with an opportunity and challenge of ensuring that all young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness have equitable access to an appropriate spectrum of housing and support. We need a system where all young people can receive support and move on to live thriving, independent and stable lives. Young people need more pathways out of homelessness. As you know, creating a future without youth homelessness is not just about youth housing, but also about the skills and experiences that contribute to individual success, such as education, employment and health.

A essential piece of our work during the current policy discussion is providing an outlet for the sector of Specialist Youth Homelessness Services and young people to have their voice heard. Being supported by a modest grant from the Department of Family & Community

Services, we held statewide consultations with members across New South Wales, taking their comments directly to the reform team back in Sydney. Early in 2013, we will be doing a similar round of consultations with young people. Since they are the ones who will be most affected by the reform, it is our priority to ensure their needs and desires are recognised.

Most of my work this year, prior to the reform announcement, has gone to forwarding our position as a expert in youth homelessness support. As your peak body, it is our greatest priority to ensure members have the most up to date and accurate resources and practices available. In turn, I also believe that promoting the great work we do here in Australia is useful for the rest of the world. I have spent a great deal of this year doing both of those things through international trips to Europe and the United States, presenting at conferences on Australia's responses to youth homelessness and researching what is working within international communities that could be used to further develop and improve our response at home.

To ensure that we continue to represent a united community working to end homelessness in Australia, Yfoundations has begun to work on how we represent ourselves, the sector and young people experiencing and at risk of homelessness. We have reframed many of our public events so that they work better for you and we have increased our communication to members. With our new capacity, bringing on a Communications Officer mid-year, we are continuing to build our ability to raise awareness and promote discussion. We hope you find these changes beneficial to your daily work and practice. We cannot end youth homelessness without being able to have rigorous discussion in accessible spaces with the appropriate frameworks.

I would like to thank you, our members, as well as our networks and Board, for contributing to the success of Yfoundations in 2012. Finally, I have asked a lot of Yfoundations' staff during 2012, and I am proud of the dedication, innovation, adaptability and commitment that they have demonstrated throughout the year to ensure that we move forward on our mission to create a future without youth homelessness.

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Michael Coffey, Chief Executive Officer





Fair Day  
2012

Couldn't live without...  
Winner of Mardi Gras Best Youth Stall Award



# *Goal:* Improve support for young people in need of help

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You could say that 2012 has been a year-long 'coming out' party for our outreach and referral service, Yconnect. Over the year, the service has gained more awareness in the community and built more networks with both mainstream and specialist providers than ever in the program's history. Since Yconnect works to connect people in need with support services, this work and overall brand awareness is a key to the service's success. The more people aware of what we do, the better able we are to connect young people to services they need.

Over the last year, new partnerships were created with Friends & Families of Missing Persons and the NSW Department of Juvenile Justice. These relationships are critical in connecting us to minority groups with high rates of youth homelessness. It is also increasing information flow between our service and workers within these organisations, allowing us to provide better and more accurate referrals.

Since young people exiting juvenile justice are at a high risk of experiencing homelessness, our partnership with Juvenile Justice NSW is helping to provide young offenders with a window into rehabilitative and supportive environments where they can move on and develop from criminal behaviour. We hope to further develop and expand upon this work in the coming year

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# Goal: Provide skill building tools for young people accessing SHS

Over the year, Yconnect has been developing a LiveSmart Diary to be published in 2013 for the first time in NSW. A case management and life skills resource, the diary helps organise and facilitate the development of young people living out of home. With recipes, numbers to call for help, budgeting tips and other daily tricks on 'how to get on in life' the resource helps young people implement positive behaviour changes into their lives.

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Published last year in Queensland, the resource has been a great hit with case managers who use it to communicate with young people, saying that it decreases the amount of time they have to spend following up with their clients. With LiveSmart, case managers are able to write everything a young person needs into one document that the young person can have on hand for an easy reminder 24/7.

Pre-orders for LiveSmart Diaries are now available on the Yfoundations website at [www.yfoundations.org.au](http://www.yfoundations.org.au)

**LIVESMART  
2013 DIARY**



# Goal: Provide the most up to date service listings possible so that young people can find accommodation and support easily and fast.



Yconnects core work is offering a central point that young people and workers can call to find support and accommodation vacancies. Offering both a printed Direct and a daily updated online vacancy list, we connect young people with services and supports in their region as accurately and quickly as possible.

Over the course of the year our Yconnect website receive 60,000 page views from around NSW, with the most traffic coming from the greater metropolitan region and Newcastle.

In 2012, we changed the Direct to have bi-yearly editions rather than yearly, giving users more up to date information about services available for young people.

To get your latest copy of the Direct, visit [www.yfoundations.org.au](http://www.yfoundations.org.au)

# *Goal:* Educate youth health workers on the needs of young people experiencing homelessness

In 2012, the Yfoundations Health Team provided trainings to over 300 youth workers, health professionals and young people. Trainings were held around the state in regional, rural and metropolitan locations including Tamworth, Maitland, Blacktown, the Hunter, St. George and more. Learning how to approach and discuss youth health needs, workers were given the skills to improve health outcomes for their young clients.

Training modules were delivered in relation to: sexual health and sexually transmitted infections; communication skills and having creative conversations; using games to discuss sensitive issues with young people; sexual and gender diversity and working effectively with marginalised young people.

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We also released a new training module on young people and cannabis use to respond to the growing need for workers to understand and support young cannabis users. The training looks at harm-minimisation tactics and what information workers should know about cannabis and its effects.

To book a Yfoundations Health Training contact [colin@yfoundations.org.au](mailto:colin@yfoundations.org.au).

# Goal: Reduce the rate of negative health outcomes by educating young people about their health

Engaging young people in understanding and discussing common youth health issues is a sure way to improve the likelihood of their remaining in good health.

As part of Hepatitis Awareness Week, Yfoundations ran a See Hep C Photo Hunt with participants from both young people and youth services. The competition was funded by Hepatitis NSW and encouraged young people to research the causes, prevention methods and treatments for Hepatitis C. The competition used creative, youth-friendly strategies to successfully engage young people in learning about sexual health.

The youth-friendly design of the competition allowed participants to not only take part and learn, but to take the messages and lessons with them so that they can hopefully implement in their daily lives.

All entries can be viewed at [www.facebook.com/yfoundations](http://www.facebook.com/yfoundations).



# *Goal:* Build cross-sector partnerships to improve accessibility of health services

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Since health support for homeless youth is an area with little formal capacity, the Yfoundations Health Team works to build partnerships and coordination with youth health services to ensure homeless youth are adequately cared for. Partnerships have positively resulted in health and homelessness workers teaming together to close the service gap that is currently present for homeless youth.

A major partnership that was continued over this year was working with the Yhunger Resource Re-development Team to improve the fitness and nutrition of young people. Yfoundations has partnered with Yhunger to develop a printed resource and modules for training that educate young people and workers about best practices for good nutrition and exercise. Since obesity and poor nutrition impact everything from concentration to employability these products will hopefully make a lasting impact on ensuring young people who experience homelessness lead long, healthy and fit lives.

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Other partnerships that have continued or been strengthened over the year include those with: the Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council; Sexual Health Week Advisory Committee and Working Group; the Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health's Advisory Committee and the NSW Youth Health Council.



# Goal: Increase the amount of clear and useful communication to members

With a wide variety of organisations making up our member base, 2012 saw the implementation of a more robust and useful members program. The new program aims to enhance capacity and communication with our members so they can further their core work of helping young people live independent, stable and thriving lives.

The new members program includes: more opportunities for members to input into policy and advocacy efforts, increased communication around best practice and research, and discounts on trainings and seminars so workers and managers can keep up to date on best practice without breaking the bank.

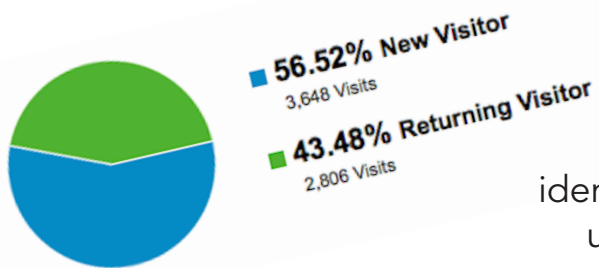
In the latter half of this year, we implemented an overarching communication plan to members, that allows us to be accountable for achieving a better program for members. The plan outlines strategies and tactics to ensure members receive targeted communication that is relevant and practical to their work and context. The first piece of the plan was implemented in June 2012 with Monthly member memos. So far feedback on the memos has been positive and we look forward to developing the communication further.

Improvements were also made to our face-to-face meetings to enhance discussion and outcomes from meetings. The first meeting with the changes took place in April 2012 and had three times as many participants as our previous meetings of the same sort.

With all these changes we are developing an evaluation process to measure the effectiveness of all communications to ensure we are responsive and accurate in our information and messaging. This will be completed in mid- 2013.

# Goal: Build organisational message

Since this is the first year Yfoundations has had formal communications capacity, we spent most of the year laying the ground work for streamlining our message and ensuring it is sustainable and relevant to our audiences.



This work included the development of an organisational communications plan, which identifies our key audiences and messages for the upcoming year and a marketing plan, aimed to expand and build on the networks we currently have. Both plans allow us to now track the success of our communications by setting reportable and measureable benchmarks that we look to achieve throughout the year.

So far with the plans in place we have begun measuring our website hits, media exposure and the rate that youth homelessness is discussed in the public narrative. We are now more accountable for the reach of our message and the impact we're having on raising awareness and understanding of youth homelessness in the NSW community.



# Goal: Increase brand awareness

With our name change in early 2012, we began the process of brand awareness and increasing understanding for what Yfoundations does. Our effort to build a network of followers who will recognise us as a voice and representative for young people experiencing and at risk of homelessness has increased over the past year and hopefully will continue.

Aligned with building formal communication structures we have spent the previous twelve months exploring what our brand means and where we fit within the vast network of interaction within our society today.

We are now more prepared for the policy and peak climate of the 21st century, as well as ready to begin boosting our grassroots advocacy efforts then we were a year ago. We have increased our relationships with mainstream media, developing strong relationships with youth online newspapers, such as VibeWire, and with radio stations, such as 2ser and Triple J.

While most of these relationships are just getting off the ground, they are providing a solid foundation from which we'll be able to grow and expand in the coming year.

So that we know our impact reflects our passion for our work, we have enlisted mentors and advice from different sectors well-versed in the world of marketing and spreading organisational message. Over the year we have found mentors at Macquarie Bank Group, GoodReturn and Sarah Morton Communications. These mentors have helped us lay the groundwork for a strong, sustainable brand.

Internally, we've been developing staff capacity to speak on message and spread our cause to individuals we come in contact with. Starting in early 2013 we'll be launching an internal program called Yfoundation Messaging DreamTeam to further integrate staff expertise into the development of our organisational messages. The program aims to give us the skills to show every person we meet how important creating a future without youth homelessness is. We want to spread the message so that they are inspired to believe in our cause as much as we do and help change the lives of young people for the better.

# Goal: Develop opportunities for young people to achieve their dreams

Following the End Youth Homelessness Conference 2011 and as our relationship develops with Colin Falconer and Stephen De Groot, leading innovators in supporting young people to achieve their dreams, we spent 2012 developing projects to promote the dreams of the young people our members work with.

The Living Leadership Scholarship Program is one of those such projects. We've all had moments in our lives that provided us with information about who we wanted to be and how we wanted to get there. Whether they be moments had with family, at school, during hard times or good, they helped define us and direct us in a greater purpose.

The Living Leadership Scholarship Program hopes to provide young people who are exiting homelessness with a week of those moments. Organised by world-renowned leadership provider, Living Leadership, the scholarship program will provide full scholarships to young people who have experienced homelessness to attend a week long residential program with budding leaders from a variety of backgrounds, creeds and geographies. The program will identify what participants' passions are and how they can turn those passions into realities, whether that is through career choice, education or personal values. Participants who complete the program will earn two TAFE certificates, one in volunteering and one in social advocacy.

This project plan will be proposed for funding in early 2013 and will hopefully commence in January 2013.

For more information about Living Leadership visit [www.livingleadership.org](http://www.livingleadership.org).

# Goal: Provide a supportive pathway to employment for young people exiting homelessness

With strong outcomes in the United Kingdom and the U.S., social enterprises have been gaining popularity around Australia as a sustainable way to train and offer employment for people who don't have access to the mainstream labour market. They help provide the missing link for many people who don't have perfect resumes or Grade A referees.

With such a strong track record, Yfoundations has developed a project proposal for the creation of a small, Sydney based social enterprise to benefit young people affected by homelessness. The framework is now set for us to facilitate and build a business within the coming year.

Over the course of the year, we have researched models around Australia as well as international enterprises that work with our target audience. With input from general consumers we are now ready to implement the next stage of development.

In early 2013 we'll be sourcing funding for a feasibility study to ensure that our model and idea have viability within the current market. The study will identify how our social enterprise can match skill building and employability for young people while also creating a sustainable and profitable business.

The Yfoundations social enterprise aims to develop into a long-term opportunity for young people and income stream for Yfoundations, so we can further build options for young people to exit homelessness so that they can achieve a life of independence, wellbeing and stability.





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# Goal: Open the talent and expertise of the Specialist Youth Homelessness Sector

Since our 2011 Conference, Open Talent has been a buzzword in the sector; similar to the way strengths-based case management has been on the lips of most youth workers over the past decade. Open Talent is the idea that youth support should be benchmarked at helping young people achieve their aspirations and dreams, rather than their needs. Instead of solutions to homelessness having the target of housing a person (and thereby alleviate a need), they should instead be targeted at meeting the long-term dreams of that person. Where does that person want to be in five years? How can we help them get there?

Of course, Open Talent is a cultural change within our work and Yfoundations has used the last year to begin that change internally. Early in 2013 we'll be kicking off the first Open Talent working group where our members will be provided with an opportunity to embed Open Talent ideas into their organisations and work with like minded people.



# *Goal:* Advocate for accurate statistics & evidence on youth homelessness

We believe there is no way to accurately respond and end youth homelessness without a good, system-wide understanding of it. That is why we've spent the past twelve months contributing to the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) review of counting the homelessness and to a Commonwealth initiative analysing the intersection of data from Juvenile Justice, Specialist Youth Homelessness Services and Out of Home Care. For both of these projects we have emphasised the need for a better understanding of the diversity and breadth of the experience of youth homelessness in our country.

In submissions and advice to the ABS we argued that the new review should produce figures that reflect the incidence and risk of homelessness among specific age groups including children (under 16s), young people (16-18) and young adults (18-25). We believe this segmentation is necessary to provide an accurate picture of what supports and services we need to appropriately respond to the overall issue.

For the Commonwealth initiative, we explored how data from Juvenile Justice, Specialist Youth Homelessness Services, and Out of Home Care could be analysed to give a greater understanding of the intersections between the populations of young people who come into contact with these sectors. From anecdotal evidence, we know the intersection between these areas is significant and having it expressed in quantitative data could help improve our structural understanding of young people's experiences.

We have also paid close attention to the analysis of the SHS Data Collection and other recent qualitative research projects, and will continue to do so, to get a better understanding of the supply and demand of our support sector.

# *Goal:* Create an accurate map of the support services available to at risk and homeless youth

It is a well-known fact; one even recognised by the Department of Family & Community Services, that the governmental purchasing of activities by Specialist Youth Homelessness Services does not accurately reflect the activities of the sector. Many, if not most, organisations provide services above and beyond their funding requirements. They are constantly finding creative ways to meet the diversity of young people's needs even if the resources to do so are not always readily available.

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This year, Yfoundations has worked with several Government and NGO partners to better articulate and understand the activities actually being done around the state. Over the year, we have looked at various ways to develop a more accurately representation of the sector through projects including the statewide Sector Capacity Building Forums held by the Department of Community Services, the Regional Service System Mapping Project facilitated by HousingNSW and our own Service Spectrum Survey.

Each of these projects increased our understanding of the sector on a statewide and regional level. As we move into the GSH reform in 2013, we will continue to advocate for an accurate and precise picture of what services are actually providing so that funders, the community and young people can have greater understanding of how we're tracking on our work to end youth homelessness.

# Thank you!

We could not have made the impact we did in 2012 without the support, contribution and help of our networks & community.

## Funding & Sponsorship

NSW Department of Family & Community Services  
NSW Health  
Australian Government Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs  
Virgin Unite  
Swineburne University

## National bodies

Homelessness Australia  
National Youth Coalition for Housing  
Australian Council of Social Services  
Youth Development Australia  
Australian Youth Affairs Coalition

## Peak organisations and NSW bodies

Youth Justice Coalition  
Youth Action & Policy Association  
Womens Refuge Movement Resource Centre  
NSW Association of Youth Health  
Association of Child Welfare Agencies  
NSW Homelessness Community Alliance  
Homelessness NSW  
Shelter NSW  
NSW Federation of Community Housing Associations  
Tenants Union  
The Oasis Youth Foundation  
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Student placements  
Ray Bennett  
Colin Falconer

# Treasurer's report:

## Kellie Checkley

Dear Members,

I am pleased to present the Treasurer's report and Auditor's report for the 2011-2012 financial year.

The auditor, Stephen Sproats, has completed a full audit of our financial records and finds them in accordance with the Incorporated Associations Act 2009. He has certified them to be a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of Yfoundations over the financial year ending June 2012. Our Co- Presidents have adopted the audit.

During the year, all projects and grants were fully expended, all legal accruals and entitlements were provided for and reserves made.

Despite declining income in relation to previous years, the current financial position of Yfoundations continues to remain strong and healthy. It is well on track with our 2nd year of a 3 year financial plan where we expected to dip a little into our reserve provisions in years 2 and 3 to maintain and resource the existing capacity of Yfoundations and to enable us to run affordable bi-annual conferences for the sector.

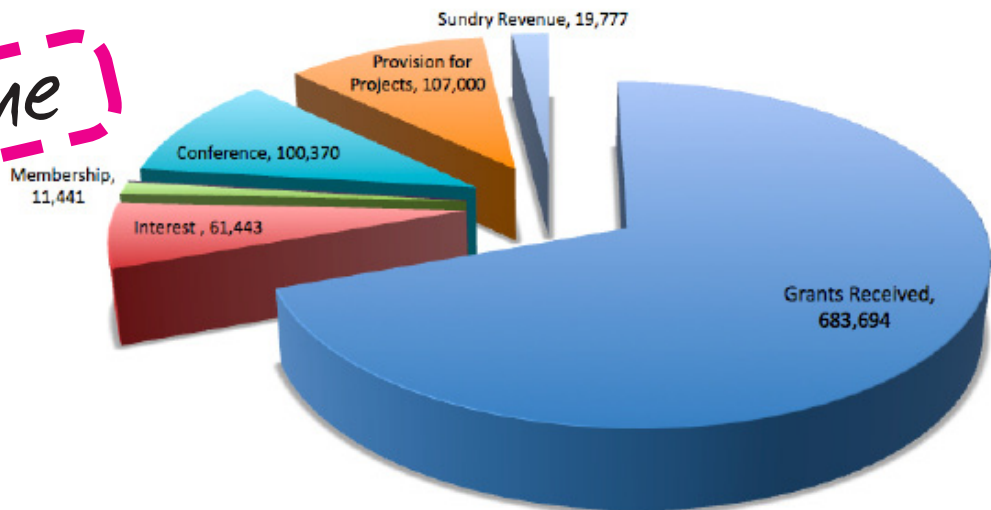
The challenge for next year will be diversifying our income stream and ensuring long term viability so that we can continue to build on the important work we do for young people at risk of and experiencing homelessness.

I would like to acknowledge the Yfoundations staff and accounts team for their financial planning and oversight.

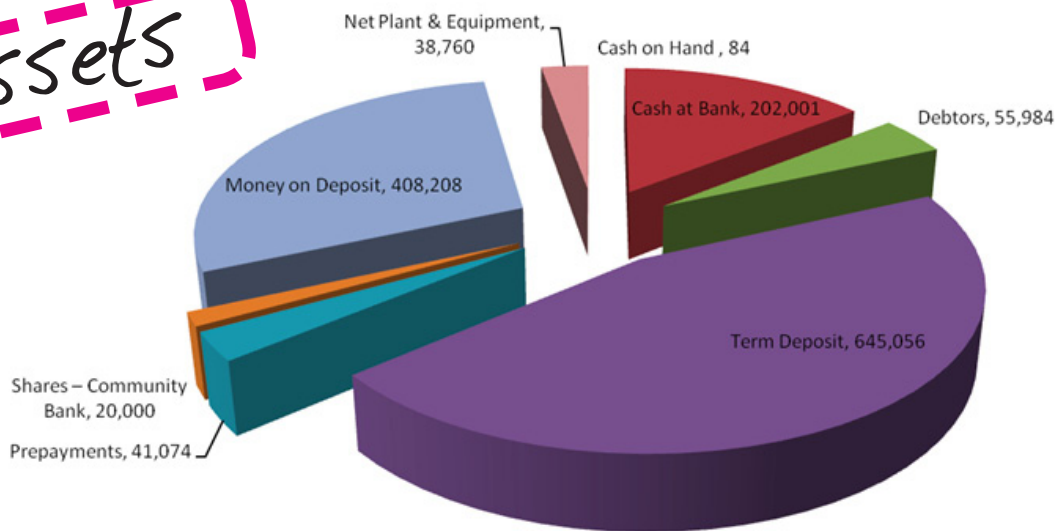
Kellie Checkley  
Treasurer

# Where the money comes from

income



assets





# Where the money goes

Accounting	36,184
Advertising	4,135
Audit fees	5,975
Bank charges	1,458
Conference	82,306
Consultant	21,164
Client disbursements	708
Depreciation	25,000
Equipment	1,384
Governance	33,000
IT support	16,737
Insurance	14,860
Legal	3,558
Materials & resources	11,097
Management costs	4,268
Motor vehicle	6,389
Printing, postage & stationary	34,459
Provisions for project costs	-
Provisions for employee costs	9,224
Repairs & maintenance	2,488
Rent & electricity	70,800
Sexual Health Week	32,112
Subscriptions	3,378
Sundry	27,644

Superannuation	38,837
Telephone	23,087
Training	10,602
Travel	51,559
Wages	462,855
Workshops	2,399

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 1,037,667

## Adoption of the Auditor's Report

On behalf of the Board, we hereby adopt the Auditor's Report for Yfoundations Inc. for the 2012 financial year.

Brett Paradise & Mary Biddle  
Co- Presidents

# Board of Governance: 2011-2012

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Bondi Youth Accommodation  
Broken Hill Youth Accommodation & Support Services  
Byron Bay Youth House  
Caretakers Cottage  
Centacare Crisis Accommodation Project  
Centacare Young Women's Supported Accommodation  
Centacare Youth Accommodation & Support Services  
Coast Shelter  
Come-in Youth Resource Centre  
Community Connections North Coast  
Community Youth Development Project  
Council To Homeless Persons (Victoria)  
Doorways- Uniting Care Burnside  
Emegre Youth & Family Services  
Fairfiled Youth Accommodation Service  
Gordon House- UnitingCare Burnside  
Grandview Lodge  
Jacaranda Cottage  
Jetty Bunker Youth Services Inc.  
Launchpad (Erskinville Youth Services)  
Leith House  
Lillian's  
Lithgow Youth Work  
Liverpool Youth Accommodation Assistance Company  
Liverpool Youth Refuge  
Lighthouse Community Care  
Lotus House  
Marist Youth Care  
Medley Community  
Monaro Crisis Accommodation Service  
Moree Family Support  
Mission Australia  
Nepean Youth Accommodation Services  
Newcastle Accommodation Services  
Nick Kearns House  
Northern Rivers Social Development Council  
Northern Sydney Youth Support Services  
NSW Federation of Housing Associations  
Parra House  
Phoenix House Youth Services  
Presbyterian Social Services  
Project Youth (Shire Wide Youth Services)  
Reconnect Bellingen/Nambucca  
Red Cross Young Womens Health Program  
Shoalhaven Youth Accommodation  
Southern Highlands Youth Accommodation  
Southern Sydney Youth Refuge  
Southern Youth & Family Services  
St. Joesph's Youth Service  
St. George Accommodation For Youth  
Stretch-A-Family  
Taldumande Youth Services  
Tamworth Youth Care  
The Bridge Youth Service  
The Burdekin Association Inc  
The Crossing- Mission Australia  
The Turning Point Youth Accommodation Services  
Treehouse  
Twenty10 Gay & Lesbian Youth Support

# *Members:* 2011-2012

UnitingCare Burnside, Parramatta

Veritas House Youth Refuge

Vinnies Youth Housing, Macarthur

Western Housing For Youth Ltd.

YES Youth & Family Services

Young Peoples Refuge

Youth Angle Inc.

YP Space Mid North Coast

# Don't just hear about us once a year!

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Join our online community to get fortnightly updates, learn about new developments & interact with exciting people working to create a future without youth homelessness.

[www.yfoundations.org.au](http://www.yfoundations.org.au)

Our virtual homebase

[www.facebook.com/Yfoundations](https://www.facebook.com/Yfoundations)

pictures, posts & more!

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Real-time updates on our daily work and policy developments in the field of youth homelessness

[www.storiesonyconnect.tumblr.com](http://www.storiesonyconnect.tumblr.com)

A day in the life of a youth outreach worker

[yfoundations on Instagram](#)

More of a picture person? Check out our photo journal of the work we do

None of those suit?

Contact Grace Stubee, Communications Officer, to discuss how we could better connect with you.



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*That's a wrap!*

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