

# Home Stretch WA Youth Engagement Plan

## Priority actions & activities



The priority actions and activities have been developed by the Community of Practice Consultants to help influence, lead and support the state-wide roll out of Home Stretch WA.

In developing these actions and activities, the Consultants reviewed the findings and recommendations from the Anglicare WA Home Stretch Trial Report (2021), details in the previous version of the Youth Engagement Plan and looked at the current state of the Home Stretch WA rollout.

The Consultants have also drawn on their lived and learned experiences with the out of home care system to identify the critical activities that are most important to ensure young people have a voice in the Home Stretch WA rollout.

## Communicate Home Stretch to Young People

Young people will lead the development of a range of resources and channels for Home Stretch WA to be communicated to other young people.

This will include the co-creation of colour schemes, style guides and graphics for Home Stretch WA to encourage consistency between service providers and support better communication of the program to young people transitioning from care.

It is hoped the creation of a strong and colourful logo will improve familiarity and trust with young people and distinguish Home Stretch WA as being distinct from the child protection system.



## Continuous Improvement

Young people must hold a permanent and ongoing role in supporting the continuous improvement of Home Stretch WA model, particularly where changes to the model are required.

## Youth Participation

Young people have been at the centre of the Home Stretch WA model development. Throughout this process, the voice of young people has had a profound presence and will continue to do so with state-wide rollout of the program.

It is important to continuously champion the importance of youth participation and the value of lived experienced.



## Workforce Development

Young people to guide the Home Stretch WA rollout through their involvement in recruitment of service provider staff, developing and delivering training, co-creating practice resources and involvement in reflective practice forums.

## Monitoring & Evaluation

Young people are involved in different levels of the monitoring and evaluation of Home Stretch WA. Consultants to have the opportunity to develop and contribute tools and resources to do so. The Consultants' involvement will assist in maintaining model integrity and support in practice data.

## Aboriginal Culture & Community

The voice of young Aboriginal people is prioritised, elevated, and valued in all areas of the Home Stretch WA rollout.

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## Priority actions & activities- Lived Experience Consultants



Below is a snapshot from the Home Stretch WA- Youth Engagement Plan & example activities and roles for Lived Experience Consultants employed by the Home Stretch Community of Practice.

### Communicate Home Stretch to Young People



- Create engaging and funny content for social media
- Create youth friendly resources to communicate Home Stretch - Flyers, videos, social media, animations, website, blogs etc
- Create a calendar of events and activities for young people in Home Stretch to be involved in

### Continuous Improvement

- Consult other young people in Home Stretch about what is working/ not working!
- Help young people communicate feedback to improve the Home Stretch Model
- Support young people in regional areas to work out how Home Stretch works for them and their community!

### Workforce Development



- Co-facilitate training and participate in workshops with Home Stretch Providers and share lived experience perspectives
- Support the recruitment of Home Stretch Staff members- Coordinators, Transition Coaches, Staying On Facilitators

### Youth Participation

- Facilitate or support the Youth Advisory Group to capture the voices of young people, share ideas and feedback and provide guidance for group members.
- Develop a Feedback & Complaints process for young people in Home Stretch
- Represent young people's voice at Governance groups for the roll out of the model
- Share own Lived Experience to help Home Stretch Providers understand what works for young people
- Support other young people to share their Lived Experience in safe and supportive way

### Monitoring & Evaluation



- Help ensure Home Stretch is delivered the way it was designed by young people
- Create a tool for Home Stretch teams to reflect on their service and how they are involving young people
- Interview Home Stretch Teams about how they are involving young people
- Help the Evaluation team evaluate what success looks like for young people in Home Stretch
- Capture and share the stories from young people about what's working for them

### Aboriginal Culture & Community

- Ensure young Aboriginal people are represented and their voices and knowledge is heard for the roll out.
- Develop and review the Aboriginal Cultural Framework/Guidelines for Home Stretch
- Help adapt the model to better support Aboriginal families and communities