Questions from Consultation at MYAN WA

1. In your experience, what could the government do to support you and young people you know or work with?
2. Are there any current funding initiatives, which support young people that you want to see continued or expanded?
3. In your experience, how culturally competent do you think service providers are and what can be done to improve this?
4. What initiatives have been successful in the settlement of young people from refugees and migrant backgrounds?
5. What issues need to be addressed in order to support successful settlement?
6. What types of programs are needed to better support young people from migrant and refugee background?

Answers from Consultation

Question 1

* Funding for religious groups and young people – can be a good support for young people/especially if there are none of those churches in Perth
* Programs need to be very strategic and focused with what the are doing and asking for/with outcomes
  + Possible assistance with governance
* South East Corridor Youth Partnership
  + Collective impact – big now
  + Government more likely to support
* More attention to young people in community/CALD
  + Proactive engagement/work in community
  + Early intervention/prevention
  + How to make that case
* Government link with community education and perception
* Long Term Funding!
* Proper Evaluation – If service shows successful then should be able to be replicated (with adaptions)
* Outreach Council - youth support – can’t drive clients to appointments
* Remove red tape (see above) – young people not supported to attend
* Getting young people to appointments
* Kids Sport – reinforce that its important – needs better profile
* Education department – CALD officers in specific areas (ie, Gosnells)
* S.E communicare HSS one nation sessions – that is they need to continue, and selling benefits more from community leaders

Question 5

* Interpreting services due to language barriers TIS across the sector free for all services
* Education for mainstream services regarding interpreting use
* Racism and discrimination
  + Linked with mental health in young people
  + Education Department to include info in curriculum that addresses racism and discrimination
  + Media to address racism and discrimination that is representation and not victimizing certain cultures and religions
* Mental Health
  + Torture trauma appropriate support
  + They need to be family centred and acknowledge the role of young carers
  + Education as a whole which is supported by Government in all forms either through constant positive speeches in media and sharing the multiculturalism of all Australia
* Employment
* Education support – Support in Intensive English Centre
  + Many young people need longer time to stay in IEC before transitioning and they need more support in transitioning

Question 5/6

* Free public transport for Youth
* Not just a service provided, but community education
* Placing youth worker in schools who have a cultural competence and can educate school employees and students
* They need to have enough knowledge about migration issues
* Community conversation around cultural competency that is to counter stereotypes
* Myth busters
* Shared fact sheets and resources (red cross)
* Workshops about conversations between parents and multicultural people
* More support to the relationship between young people and their parents

Question 3

* No body can ever be fully culturally competent – we always have something to learn
* We should not generalize culture
* We should work on youths cues
* Caucasian Australians tend to the the group that upsets multicultural Youth, but only due to the multicultural youth sensitivity
* Well intentioned, welcoming, and open to education
* Lack of confidence due to knowledge gap that leads to being culturally inappropriate or afraid of offending
* Invest in genuine programs, understand the different needs in the community, and considering multicultural youth needs when designing programs
* Mainstream service providers should be a focus
* There should be one main education body to train the mainstream services
* There may be a few people competent, but it needs to filter through to the front service providers or workers
* Workshops need to be presented from people from the community in question

What would you like to change?

* Beauracracy
* More support on education if you are forcing groups to collaborate, they need it
* Focus on long term projects reduces admin overheads
* Girls programs
* Recognition of different demographic needs
* Support small businesses without NFP’s with a social focus
* NDIS model – can any learning be made from here?
  + Individuals get to chose where they get to spend their funding – that is private and NFP
* Focus on providing cultural and diversity training to organisations
* Legislation on business to allow job applicants to not disclose their gender
* People should not be discriminated against at pre-screening stage
* They should be given the opportunity to present themselves at interviews

What is working?

* Local governments more focus on Youth
* Activation of spaces
* Please encourage females
* Promotion of youth services
* Reach out to those most at need
* Marketing of services
* Make more appealing instead of uncool
* Please listen and engage to on the ground organisations
* Stability of government please