

Youth Advisory Committee

National Indigenous Development Centre

Introduction

In partnership with the Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC), the YMCA has agreed to appoint a Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) to assist the organisation meet the ILC’s vision and mission for the National Indigenous Development Centre (NIDC). The primary role of the YAC is to ensure that programs and activities implemented within the YMCA Precinct are meeting the needs of the local community.

ILC’s Vision for the NIDC

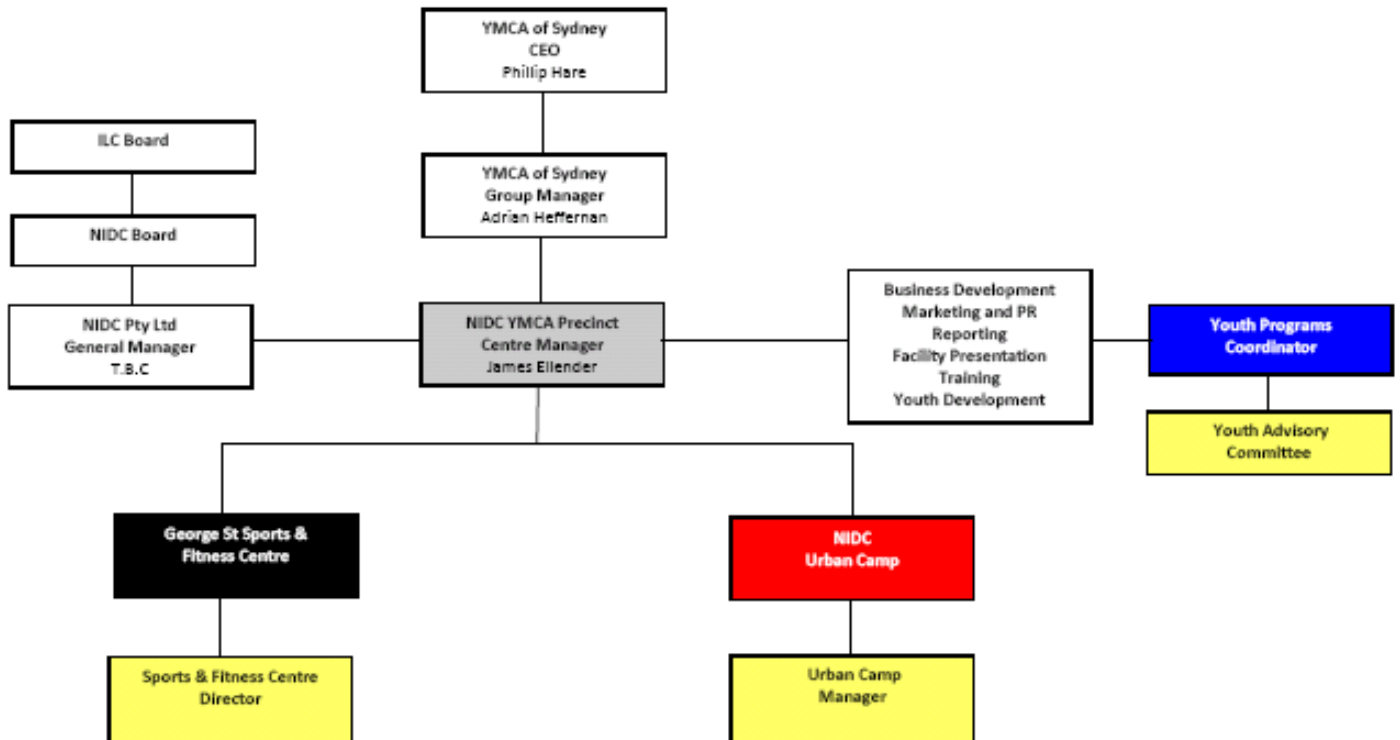
Creation of a national model for Indigenous development in the social, sporting and educational arenas.

ILC’s Mission for the NIDC is to:

Provide long term social, educational, cultural and economic benefits for Indigenous people.

The Youth Advisory Committee members will also play an important role in establishing active collaborative relationships with the youth services community as the centre evolves to being the Youth Hub for sport and recreation in the Redfern/Waterloo area.

NIDC Structure



Youth Advisory Committee Guidelines

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1. YAC Committee Members Appointment:

- 1.1 Young people wishing to be members of the YAC will be required to self nominate on an annual basis through the Expression of Interest (EOI) process.
- 1.2 During the EOI process all prospective members will be required to complete the EOI documentation supplied by the YMCA
- 1.3 At the close of the EOI process the ILC and YMCA will appoint the YAC Members
- 1.4 YAC Members will be supplied with a Position Description detailing the expectations and requirements of the position
- 1.5 Full training will be provided to YAC Members including:
 - 1.5.1 On the job training
 - 1.5.2 Support from the Youth Programs Coordinator
 - 1.5.3 Two (2) annual scholarships for selected committee members to attend the YMCA Future Leaders Program
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- 1.6 Term of membership is twelve (12) months
- 1.7 Appointments will be made if casual vacancies arise mid term
- 1.8 YAC Members can serve more than one term if they are interested and if appointed subject to the annual ballot process

2. YAC Purpose

- 2.1 The primary purpose of the YAC is to inform the YMCA on issues resulting from community consultations and support the YMCA in implementing Youth focused initiatives aimed at engaging young people from the local area
- 2.2 The first term of office will see YAC provide advice and information on the following three (3) service provision gaps raised at the February 2009 Community Forum held by the YMCA and ILC:
 - 2.2.1 Lack of female programs for Youth in the local area
 - 2.2.2 Lack of programs outside of business hours
 - 2.2.3 Lack of communication and links between the various local community services and the need for NIDC to become the local "Youth Hub" for sport and recreation

3. Membership Quota:

- 3.1 The YAC will have 7 positions available annually
- 3.2 YAC Members must be between twelve (12) and eighteen (18) years of age
- 3.3 A minimum of three (3) positions will be made available for Indigenous youth

3.4 YAC members must reside, work, hang out or go to school within the local area

4. YAC Meetings:

- 4.1 The YAC will meet on a monthly basis for the first twelve (12) months of term to be reviewed annually
- 4.2 YMCA and ILC will be allowed to participate in the committee as observers only
- 4.3 The Youth Programs Coordinator will facilitate the meetings with a rotating chair shared by YAC Members. With the assistance of the YAC Members, the Youth Programs Coordinator will decide which topics are discussed at meetings.
- 4.4 Youth focused issues to be raised at YAC Meetings will occur in two ways
 - 4.4.1 Instigated by Youth Programs Coordinator
 - 4.4.2 Requested by YAC Members
- 4.5 Decisions will be made via a show of hands or ballot process
- 4.6 Meetings will be structured semi formal with an agenda, minutes and actions resulting from each meeting held

5. YAC Communication

- 5.1 The primary purpose of the YAC is to inform the YMCA on the most effective and relevant ways to deliver effective and engaging sport and recreation programs to young people
- 5.2 The YAC will share the responsibility of promoting its success and achievements with the Youth Programs Coordinator
- 5.3 The communication mechanisms will vary depending on the target audience including (but not limited to) YMCA/ILC website, print media, local school networks and youth events
- 5.4 The Youth Programs Coordinator will be required to provide quarterly reports of the YAC's progress to the YMCA
- 5.5 The YAC will host bi annual forums to ensure that the local youth and community services are engaged and consulted with
- 5.6 The YAC at NIDC will have no formal links with other youth committees

6. YAC Funding

- 6.1 Funds can be requested to the YMCA by YAC Members on a case by case basis
- 6.2 The Youth Programs Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating grant seeking initiatives tabled at YAC Meetings