



Commonwealth Alliance
of Youth Workers' Associations



The Commonwealth

Introducing Commonwealth Alliance of Youth Worker Associations



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Note from the Chair

Good afternoon from Oz, I am the current chair of CAYWA and I wanted to not only introduce myself but the Board and offer our support to the Consortium. The Board has representatives from Zambia, Kenya, India, Malaysia, Singapore, England, New Zealand, Jamaica and Australia. We are all Youth Workers that are wanting to make a contribution to building the professionalization of Youth Work in the Commonwealth. Below you have some work from our draft strategic plan that outlines a little more about who we are and what you can expect.

Most importantly, I wanted to alert you to the website. Our newly developed website has reports and information from around the globe. It will be an excellent resource for the newly established Youth Work courses in the Commonwealth. These resources also include a number from Europe including the youth think and policy tanks funded by the European Union SALTOS. Please encourage your students to use the resources as well as consider the resources in your own work as you are building your units.

On the Board, there are a range of skills ranging from excellent practitioners currently running programs to academics and researchers. Dr Jane Melvin, Dr John Tan and myself would be more than happy to support you as you establish your courses. Please let us know how we can assist.

We are very excited for the many possibilities such a dynamic consortium will bring to the professionalization of Youth Work and are looking forward to working with you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Robyn Broadbent'.

Professor Robyn Broadbent

Professor of Youth Work Victoria University and Chair of CAYWA

Background

From Commonwealth Youth Council Social Agenda: All member states to develop strategies, investment and best practice to enhance youth work, promote full labour rights of youth workers; and ensure the minimum professional standards of youth work.

To progress this agenda CAYWA was established in 2016 with 10 member organisations. Initially a working party established itself to create a legal entity, which included a Constitution. That Constitution was recently reviewed to make it even more robust and a number of changes were made at the AGM in 2018. CAYWA now works with 21 established and emerging Associations. CAYWA has established a Board of 10 members, a Constitution a web site as well as its own resources. These include a global definitions document of Youth Work and a statement endorsed in Uganda that defines our values and places our work as underpinned by human rights.

Mission

Our mission is to raise the standard and status of youth work by connecting, strengthening and championing the professionalisation of youth work across the Commonwealth and beyond.

Goal

Advocacy and technical assistance for optimal youth work delivery and youth worker support across the Commonwealth through the application of Commonwealth/CAYWA protocols.

CAYWA Objectives (Outcomes in M and E framework) and outputs

1. An affective and responsive global youth worker association established and functioning,
 - a. Increased/more effective sharing/learning and credibility across CAYWA members,
 - b. CAYWA maintains continuity/sustainability as a global body,
 - c. CAYWA maintains a strong external image,
2. CAYWA supports youth work stakeholders, member governments and universities to optimise youth work delivery,
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Members

I thought it important to note where there are Associations or emerging Associations in the Commonwealth and I am happy to assist any who have not connected to their local Association.

Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, India, Jamaica, England, Solomon Islands, Namibia, Uganda, Kenya, Sth Africa, Canada, England, Malta.