



Standing Committee on Education and Community Inclusion

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Elizabeth Kikkert MLA: To ask the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs

Ref: Youth Affairs, CSD Annual Report 2020–21, pp. 51

In relation to: Youth Week 2022

1. In the hearing, the Minister stated Youth Week events this year will target young people 'on the fringe', with one strategy making events free. Will all Youth Week events this year be free for young people?
2. Can the Minister please provide a list of planned Youth Week events and activities (such as free admission to the zoo), including dates, times, and locations?
3. What strategies are being used to advertise Youth Week and these events to those 'on the fringe'?

MINISTER BERRY- The answer to the Member's question is as follows:-

1. As indicated within the hearing, part of 2022 Youth Week celebrations, free events will be provided for young people, focusing particularly on supporting young people who may experience some barriers to participation in Youth Week activities. This includes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people, LGBTIQ+ young people, young carers and young people who are in out-of-home care, as well as young people from refugee backgrounds.

However, while not all 2022 Youth Week events are free for all participants, the Community Services Directorate (CSD) has partnered with entertainment and recreational businesses across the Territory to deliver interesting and engaging free events for young people.

2. The ACT Government is finalising event details with Youth Week Grant recipients and a complete list of 2022 Youth Week activities will be available on the CSD website in the lead up to 2022 Youth Week.

At this time, the below free ACT Government events and activities have been scheduled for 2022 Youth Week:

- The National Zoo and Aquarium, Monday 11 April at 11am
- Limelight Tuggeranong screening of Sonic the Hedgehog, Tuesday 12 April at 11:30am
- Zone Bowling Belconnen, Tuesday 12 April at 11:30am
- Dendy Civic screening of Ghostbusters: Afterlife, Wednesday 13 April at 11:30am
- Zone Bowling Tuggeranong, Wednesday 13 April at 11:30am
- National Zoo and Aquarium, Thursday 14 April at 11:00am
- Ice skating at Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre, Thursday 14 April at 1:30pm

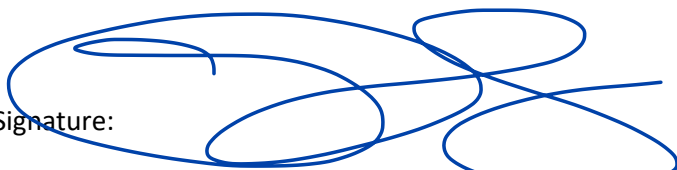
3. Tickets to free ACT Government 2022 Youth Week events have been offered to the ACT Youth Services Program within CSD, and ACT youth and charity groups which work with vulnerable and at-risk young people. These organisations include:

- Northside Community Service
- Woden Community Service
- Capital Regional Service
- Communities@Work
- Multicultural Youth Service
- Gugan Gulwan Aboriginal Youth Service
- Diversity ACT
- CREATE-Out of home care
- St Vincent de Paul Society Canberra/Goulburn
- Anglicare Canberra/Goulburn
- YWCA Canberra

Organisations which receive these free tickets are advised by CSD to provide priority to young people who may experience barriers to participation including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people; young carers; LGBTIQ+ young people; young carers, young people with disabilities, young people in out of home care; and young people from refugee backgrounds.

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By the Minister for Education and Youth Affairs, Yvette Berry MLA