

Our statement of commitment to young people

The Tasmanian Government's *Youth Jobs Strategy* sets out our plan to deliver on the vision young people in Tasmania have put to us:

All young Tasmanians feel empowered and are supported to access meaningful training or employment opportunities.

This work needs to be done *with* them – not just *for* them.

We want young Tasmanians to know that we have listened and that their voices will continue to be heard as we work together to achieve the strategy's ambition.

We acknowledge that young people in Tasmania have so much to offer our state but some may need extra support to realise their aspirations.

We recognise that young people are experts in their own lives and that they know what they need to be happy, healthy, and productive members of the community.

This Statement of Commitment is intended to guide the Tasmanian Government's approach to partnering with young people to achieve the goals set out in the strategy:

- **Young people will know** where to get **relevant, reliable information** about education, training and employment, and who can provide guidance on the next steps.
- **Young people will have opportunities** to undertake a variety of **work experience activities** to explore and test jobs and industries in real work settings, so they can understand what work is really like.
- **Young people will be treated as individuals** with diverse needs, experiences and talents, and will have access to **support to identify and achieve their ambitions** for the future.
- **Young people will have access to meaningful, relevant and accessible education and training** that supports pathways to the jobs and careers they want to pursue.
- **Young people will feel supported** to develop skills and confidence in the workplace and **employers will know how to support young employees** to be safe and to feel valued and respected.
- **Young people will have confidence** that government policies and strategies are having real impact, and will feel welcome and **empowered to be involved in decision-making processes**.

We will do this by:

Inviting

young people to actively participate in the design, implementation and evaluation of the strategy's actions, and to contribute to policy decisions that impact their lives.

Empowering

young people to make informed choices about education, training and employment pathways – including the capacity to change direction and explore different options along the way.

Creating

more accessible opportunities for young people to participate in education and training, and more entry-level jobs that allow for learning and skill development on the job.

Supporting

employers and industry to create workplaces that are safe and welcoming for young people, and ensuring young people know what to expect and what's expected of them at work.

Valuing

young people's strengths, experiences and perspectives and ensuring that young people's diverse attributes, skills and capabilities can be recognised, assessed and measured.

Connecting

young people to critical networks, services and information as well as guidance along the journey to education, training and employment.

The Tasmanian Government is committed to ensuring our policies, strategies and activities support diversity, inclusion and equality. This Statement of Commitment is addressed to all young people in Tasmania, regardless of their background, personal and social circumstances, or where they call home.

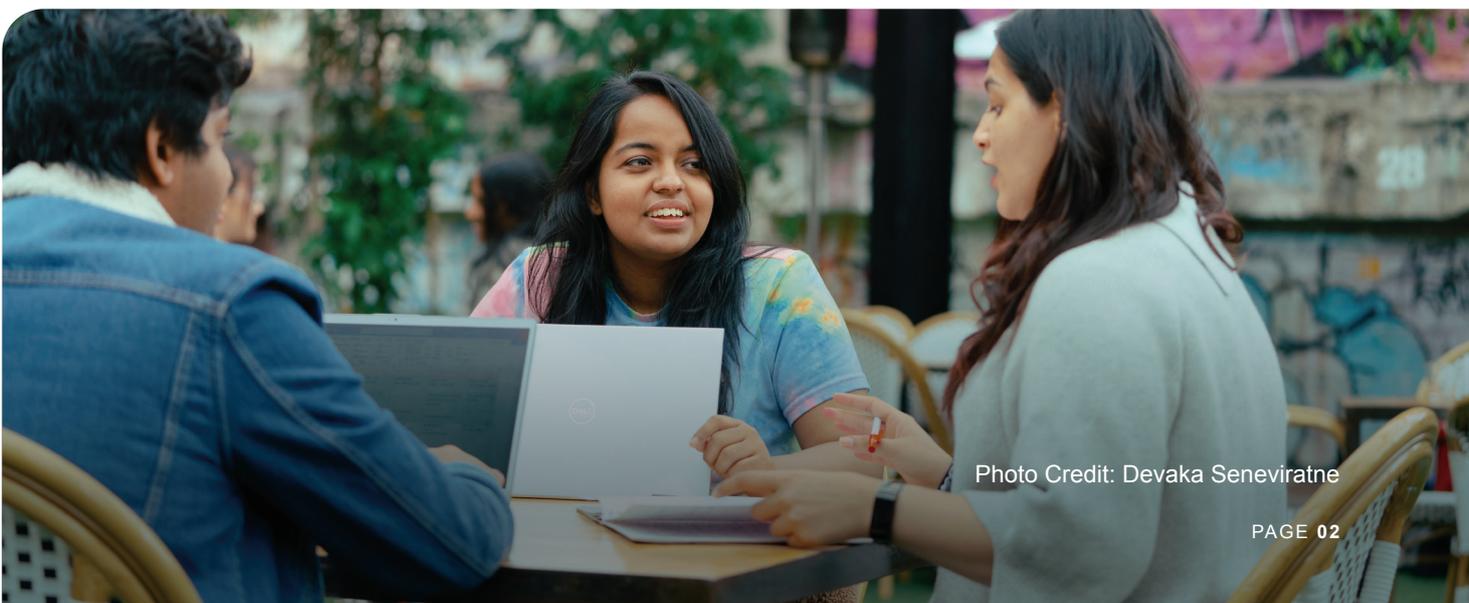


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