

## **A-Teams – young people generating innovation**

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Office for Youth A-Teams bring together some of the brightest and most engaged young minds in the state, providing them with a space to generate ideas and a supportive structure in which to encourage innovation.

During the last two years A-Teams have formed to bring fresh perspectives to policy debates as diverse as youth homelessness, early childhood development, recruitment and retention of young people in the public service and succession planning in family business. Young participants are sourced from government and community organisations which have a stake in the issues being explored and from young people studying in the field.

The ever-evolving A-Team model provides young people with a structured program in which to develop and incubate their ideas and develop a range of recommendations to guide their ideas to reality. Participants walk through a structured program where they get to meet with experts in the area that they are investigating, they quiz guest panellists and are given the resources and taught the skills to develop ideas that can be presented to decision makers as credible, innovative and outcome driven.

This presentation will explore how the A-Team model works, why it was established, the partnerships that have given the program legitimacy and the legacy being left.