

# Youth Coalition | Meeting Notes

August 17 2018 | 12.30- 2pm | The Voice Inc Office

**Present:** Priscillar Napoleon, Jacob Segodi (PNG Cancer Foundation), Bruno Siare (Eco Services Limited), Hercules Jim (CIMC/ YACA), Emi Aiga (Digicel PNG Foundation), Yanamlyn Yana (PNG Tribal Foundation), Chris Roche, Chris Adams (Latrobe University Institute of Human Security and Social Change), Caroline McGann (PNG/ Australia Partnership Decentralisation and Citizen Participation), Serena Sasingian, Lydia Dimokari, Mali Sasingian, Kirk Gibson (The Voice Inc)

## Summary

- Chris Roche from Latrobe University presented on Coalitions in other places, key elements of their success and ways to think about making change happen
- All reflected there has not been a coalition or collective attempt to gather youth voice into policy and other arenas of influence in PNG
- Group agreed on our first collective action:

**To gather and amplify a powerful Youth Voice into the Drug and Alcohol Abuse Legislation consultation process currently underway.**

- Each organization agreed they could send out a brief survey to capture youth feedback on this issue through their existing networks and young people
- CIMC representative reflected that he had been talking about trying to include youth voice in CIMC process and is interested in how the Youth Coalition might support this

## Specific actions for the group:

1. Design a short survey for young people asking about Drug and Alcohol abuse and the law, as per Constitutional Law Reform Commission issues paper questions
2. Design a process and timeline for collecting, analyzing, communicating and feeding back findings (to young people)
3. Draft a media release announcing the start of the Youth Coalition

## Other Things

### Youth Coalition Membership and Agreement

Five organisations have agreed to join the 'strategic group'; PNG Olympic Committee, PNG Cancer Foundation, Eco Services Limited, InterYouth Wave and CIMC (Pending), with The Voice Inc as secretariat.

Question about who can join the coalition. Mention of a group of youth organisations in Lihir who are interested to join. Coalition is keen to be open to all. Question for the strategic group, how to best manage membership?

## Communication and Media

Agreed that Coalition will need a brand and identity. That branding should incorporate all individual organisation logos as this will send a powerful message.

### Events from around the Coalition

- Thursday 23 August 6-9pm | Young Professional Network and TIPNG | Has media has increased accountability in PNG in the last 10 years? | Lamana Hotel | Contact: [connect@ypnpng.net](mailto:connect@ypnpng.net)
- Tuesday 28 August Daytime | Daffodil Month Cancer Foundation Awareness Workshops | 1 hour sessions | Yacht Club | Contact: [programs@pngcancerfoundation.net](mailto:programs@pngcancerfoundation.net)