

WHAT IS IT?

The Youth Charter is a set of Guiding Principles and Commitment Statements that empower young people to raise issues and share ideas.

The Youth Charter was created collaboratively by over 400 young people and Council staff.

WHY DO WE HAVE A YOUTH CHARTER?

The Charter demonstrates Council's commitment to making sure that young people have an opportunity to have meaningful participation in decisions that impact their lives and the communities they are a part of and that the contributions of young people are valued.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The Youth Charter guides the way that Council engages with young people across the Shire, by making sure that young people raising their voices are encouraged, valued and listened to.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

If you have any comments or would like more information about the Glenelg Shire Council Youth Charter please contact:

GSC Youth Development Officer
on 0400 151 447

or visit our Facebook Page
Glenelg Shire Youth

or website
**[www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/
youth_services](http://www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/youth_services)**

YOUTH CHARTER

**YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 12-25 YEARS**



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Respect between young people and council is **mutual**

Enable **open** and **honest communication** and feedback which is inclusive, non-discriminatory and considerate of relevant aspects of culture and language

Young people have **aspirations, knowledge** and **skills** that benefit the community

Acknowledge and **understand** that young people are a diverse group within our community

Participation by young people is essential for a **strong community**

COMMITMENT STATEMENTS

Engage

Council will:

- partner with young people and work together on issues and priorities that are of interest to young people
- build ongoing relationships with young people

Empower

Council will:

- involve young people in decision making
- communicate with young people using relevant and accessible methods
- be open and honest about the level of influence young people have
- create positive environments that encourage the inclusion and participation of young people
- recognise and encourage the contributions of young people to the community
- Council will respond to ideas and issues young people present

Value

Council will:

- promote the achievements of young people in the community
- invest in developing the knowledge and skills of young people
- support and seek guidance from youth advisory groups