



# 2021 Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program



## Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Fact Sheet

The Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (QIYLP) is a leadership and professional development program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders aged 18 to 25 years old, delivered with the support of corporate sponsors Glencore Coal Assets Australia.

QIYLP offers an exciting opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from right across the state to:

- develop their leadership and self-development skills
- learn about Queensland's democratic processes
- use their new skills to lead community projects.

Since the program began in 2004, more than 600 people have participated in the program with many returning in subsequent years as mentors and facilitators.

QIYLP is the flagship program under the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Strategy (the Strategy). The Strategy offers several complimentary opportunities to QIYLP participants and past participants, including:

- a mentor program
- a traineeship opportunity with the Department of Environment and Science
- a professional development scheme to support past participants in their ongoing education and employment
- community project funding to support local initiatives and help drive change for communities.

### *What to expect at QIYLP*

QIYLP is a leadership and skills development program. The opportunities it provides for participants include:

- intensive leadership workshops — facilitated by Indigenous community leaders and content experts
- mentoring and networking activities — participants can network with high-profile politicians, respected Elders and community leaders from Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and representatives of the Queensland Government



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- guidance on how to scope and prepare community proposals for community project grants to drive real local change
- participation in the one-day Eric Deeral Indigenous Youth Parliament delivered by the Queensland Parliamentary Services, providing young people with an opportunity to grow their understanding of parliament processes and experience parliament first-hand.

Participants also have the opportunity post program to:

- apply for funding to support their ongoing personal and professional development through the QIYLP professional development scheme
- apply for funding for a local community projects to drive real change in local communities
- participate in on-going mentoring support offered by our partner agencies
- apply for a 12-month traineeship with the Department of Environment and Science to support improved employment outcomes
- apply to return as mentors, lead mentors or a co-facilitator in following years (all training is provided by the department)

### *Why should young people participate?*

Through the provision of an interactive learning environment, the program aims to:

- develop Indigenous young people's community leadership skills and potential
- connect and facilitate Indigenous young people's continued engagement with similar leadership and development opportunities/initiatives/programs across the state, nationally and internationally
- engage Indigenous young people in community project scoping and delivery
- improve Indigenous young people's participation levels in governance and democratic engagement processes in their communities
- build an ever increasing network of Indigenous young leaders for consultation by government and stakeholders.

### *When is the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program held?*

The annual six-day residential program is usually held in Brisbane during the June/July school holidays.

**QIYLP 2021 will be held from 26 June – 1 July 2021.**

### *When do applications open?*

Applications open in March and are advertised on the QIYLP website ([www.qld.gov.au/qiylp](http://www.qld.gov.au/qiylp)).

**The application closing date for 2021 is midnight 25 April 2021.**





### *Who can apply?*

We encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, aged 18 to 25 years, from remote, regional and urban communities from across Queensland who have not previously attended the program.

### *How can young people apply?*

When applications are opened you can apply [online](#) or download and print an application form then email it to [QIYLP@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:QIYLP@des.qld.gov.au).

Applications must include a current resume.

### *How are participants selected?*

40 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are selected based on their application against the selection criteria. An additional 5 applicants will be shortlisted to be on the reserve list in the event a participant/s withdraws and a place becomes available.

### *When are successful/unsuccessful applicants notified?*

The Office for Youth will be in contact with applicants (either by telephone, letter and email) to notify the successful and reserved applicants up to 3 weeks after the closing date of applications.

When being notified that they have been shortlisted, they will be provided with an Acceptance Agreement form similar to a letter of offer explaining the terms and conditions of attending the program.

If the applicant agrees and signs the form they will be offered a placement at the program, however if they do not wish to accept the terms and conditions of attending they will not be offered a placement.

### *More information*

To learn more about QIYLP, or if you have questions about the program:

- visit [www.qld.gov.au/qiylp](http://www.qld.gov.au/qiylp)
- contact [QIYLP@des.qld.gov.au](mailto:QIYLP@des.qld.gov.au).

