



Penrith Youth Strategy & Action Plan 2027–2031

Your Voice Toolkit

FACILITATOR GUIDE

How to use this toolkit

This toolkit can be used with a group of friends, in a classroom, at a youth service, or as part of a community conversation. And you can adapt it to suit your group; for example, you can run it as an individual activity where everyone responds individually, or you can submit a group response. You can request a printed copy of the toolkit by emailing community.capacity@penrith.city or by downloading it from our [website](#).

Facilitator Script

"Thank you for taking part in this activity. Penrith City Council is seeking feedback on the Draft Penrith Youth Strategy and Action Plan. This draft has been shaped by feedback from more than 300 young people and outlines Council's goals and actions to support young people over the coming years.

As we work through the activity, we will briefly review each pillar and its goals. If you would like more information about a particular goal or action, you are welcome to refer to the full Draft Penrith Youth Strategy and Action Plan provided.

As you review the goals, think about what matters most to you/young people, whether anything is missing, and what could be improved. There are no right or wrong answers. We are interested in your honest views and experiences."

Facilitator Instructions

1. Provide participants with:
 - A summary of the Draft Youth Strategy Action Plan.
 - The Feedback Form.
 - A pen or pencil.
2. Briefly guide participants through each pillar and its associated goals using the summary document.
3. Encourage participants to review the full Draft Youth Strategy Action Plan if they would like more information about specific actions or initiatives.
4. Allow participants time to independently complete the feedback form, or complete it as a group.
5. If leading an 8-12 group, consider clarifying questions or terminology, reading questions aloud if required and assisting younger participants with recording their responses.

Returning the feedback

All feedback received before 1 November 2026 will be considered prior to the adoption of the final Penrith Youth Strategy and Action Plan.

Return completed forms by dropping them at Council or by post to 601 High Street, Penrith 2750. You can also take a photo of the feedback and email it to community.capacity@penrith.city.

Tips for Success

- Remind participants that all feedback is valuable.
- For younger participants, focus on helping them identify their top priorities and what they would like to see improved for young people.

[Link: DRAFT Penrith Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2027-2031](#)

PILLARS INTRODUCTION

Pillar 1: Health & Wellbeing & Safety

This pillar explores young people's views on mental health, access to support, safety in public spaces, and the importance of inclusion and belonging. It combines youth insights with data on health, safety and access to services.

Pillar 3: Connection, Belonging & Culture

This pillar focuses on how young people connect with each other, their communities and culture. It explores belonging, representation, and how creative and cultural spaces can help young people express who they are and feel part of Penrith's story.

Pillar 2: Affordable Living & Opportunities

This pillar captures what young people told us about cost of living, housing, jobs and access to education and training. It includes insights on how affordability affects participation and independence, supported by local economic and social data.

Pillar 4: Environment, Accessibility & Movement

This pillar explores access to transport, parks, recreation, and the natural environment. It includes young people's ideas on sustainability, accessibility and what makes Penrith's neighbourhoods feel safe and easy to move through.

Pillar	Goals
1. Health, Wellbeing and Safety	1.1 Access support early and without stigma. 1.2 Create inclusive, accessible and welcoming environments. 1.3 Foster respect, healthy relationships and safety.
2. Affordable Living and Opportunities	2.1 Connect young people to education, training and employment pathways. 2.2 Support independence through housing, transport and services. 2.3 Build skills and confidence for work, learning and civic participation.
3. Connection, Belonging and Culture	3.1 Celebrate identity, culture and diversity. 3.2 Encourage participation, leadership and expression through social spaces.
4. Environment, Accessibility and Movement	4.1 Create a city that is easy, safe and intuitive to move through. 4.2 Strengthen connection to neighbourhoods and natural spaces. 4.3 Design public spaces and facilities with youth accessibility at their core.

FEEDBACK FORM

These questions help Council understand who participated in the engagement and ensure a range of community perspectives is represented.

These questions are optional. If you don't want to answer, you don't have to!

Age: _____

Gender: _____

What suburb do you live in? _____

Where were you born (which country)? _____

Do you identify as? (Select one)

- ☐ Aboriginal
- ☐ Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Prefer not to say

Please select any that apply to you:

- ☐ I identify as LGBTQIA+
- ☐ I am a person living with disability
- ☐ I use a language other than English at home
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other: _____

These activities are part of the Public Exhibition Engagement for Penrith City Council's Draft Penrith Youth Strategy and Action Plan 2027-2031. The answers you give will help us understand what's important for young people living, working or studying in Penrith LGA. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, please contact Ruth Yigletu via community.capacity@penirith.city or 4732 7777.

1. Which goals are most important to you?

Please review the goals in the Draft Penrith Youth Strategy and

Action Plan and select your **top two** priorities.

Priority 1:

Priority 2:

Why did you choose these goals?

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2. What's Missing?

After reviewing the Draft Youth Strategy Action Plan, what do you think is missing?

More...

Less...

We Need...

Young People Deserve...

Don't Forget...

3. What new action would make the biggest difference?

If Council could add one new action to the plan, what would it be?

4. Do you support the Draft Youth Strategy Action Plan?

Choose one:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ Somewhat
- ☐ No

5. Any other comments?

Is there anything else you would like Council to know about the needs, experiences or aspirations of young people in Penrith?

Thank You!