

Introducing the Centre for Applied Youth Research at the University of Tasmania

**CENTRE
FOR
APPLIED
YOUTH
RESEARCH**

Applied research: Research that focuses on the use of knowledge rather than the pursuit of knowledge for its own sake.

SAGE Dictionary of Social Research Methods

The founders of the Centre for Applied Youth Research Inc. (CAYR) realised that the issues affecting young people today could not be sufficiently addressed by theoretical knowledge or defined by borders. The common challenges faced by all young people in successfully negotiating transition to adulthood in our globalised 21st century require renewed attention to the applied continuum: research <> policy <> practice.

The Centre recognised that rapid changes in demographics and economic development in our part of the world – the Asia-Pacific region – deserve special focus. To this end, the Centre was developed to encourage participation by, and engagement between, all youth sectors, youth researchers and practitioners, and the sharing of research, policy and practice expertise, especially in the Asia-Pacific region.

As well as being a point of contact and information exchange for those involved in youth research and studies, CAYR functions as a publishing house for research produced by Centre members. Our major research communication tool is the online *Journal of Applied Youth Studies – Asia Pacific (JAYS)*.

The CAYR website (cayr.info) contains information about the Centre and a link to our free Flipboard magazine *CAYRing*, which provides the latest news about young people and youth issues in the region. CAYR hosts events such as symposia that bring together academics, researchers, policymakers and practitioners in the youth field to share their research and experiences – what works, what doesn't and what needs to be done. The Centre will also develop and maintain professional development resources for youth sector participants, including youth workers, program coordinators, and others who work with or for young people in professional or volunteer capacities.

CAYR membership includes a 12-month subscription to the *Journal of Applied Youth Studies – Asia Pacific (JAYS)*, and discounted registration for CAYR events and publications. CAYR welcomes inquiries from potential members, partners and sponsors and is happy to provide additional information on all aspects of its work. To subscribe to *CAYR Updates*, please send an email to: info@cayr.info with the subject heading 'Updates'.

The CAYR cohort

To properly serve the interests of young people transitioning to adulthood and independence in the 21st century, CAYR applies a broad definition of youth as anyone aged between 12 and 30 years. CAYR endorses both the Convention on the Rights of the Child (those under 18) and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights for all ages.

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