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YOUTH COUNCIL 'MAKE IT HAPPEN' CONFERENCE

Engaging young people and community through technology

The Governor of New South Wales, HE General The Hon. David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) will open the Youth Council Conference 2017, on Friday 22 September, at 1.15pm, at Macquarie University.

Hosted by Ryde Youth Council over three days in September (Friday 22 – Sunday 24), YCC 2017 Make IT Happen is a celebration of youth leadership that will see members of Youth Advisory Committees from across the State congregate to showcase their successes and develop innovative projects they can take back to their communities.

Ryde Council's Project Community Officer Young People, Mike Paine said: "Working with members of the Ryde Youth Council to pull this event together has been fantastic. We have devised a stimulating program of presentations, workshops and collaborative events designed to motivate the audience."

Ryde Youth Council's spokesperson, Sophie Lara-Watson said: "This will be a great collaborative experience for over 200 Youth Council representatives coming from as far afield as Bathurst, Snowy Valleys, Gunnedah Shire and Armidale.

"The theme Make IT Happen is a platform for how to harness the power of technology to connect and engage with all people, regardless of who you are or where you live."

Previous conferences held in Eurobodalla, Dubbo, Lake Macquarie and Moree Plains Shire have produced many successful projects including Ryde Youth Council's 'Kickstart Your Career' which helped local young people find and keep their first job.

Make IT Happen features presentations from people and organisations who help shape young people's environments, including:

- Macquarie University, CREATE NSW, Youth Action, The FRANK team and the Office of the NSW Advocate for Children and Young People
- Inspirational young speakers - Lilly Lyons and Carla Kassab
- Political panel - Ray Williams (NSW Minister Responsible for Youth), Victor Dominello (Minister for Finance, Services and Property), John Alexander (Federal Member for Bennelong), Dr Mehreen Faruqi (Greens NSW MP)
- YouTubers, technology experts and social researchers
- Youth Committee accomplishments
- Networking and social opportunities.

Make IT Happen 2017 NSW Youth Council Conference, September 22 – 24, Macquarie Theatre, Macquarie University, 21 Wallys Walk (W2, 4A), Macquarie Park.

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