

Young Life Training



The World of our Young People

If you take a brief look around, you will find what appear to be happy, well-adjusted and confident teens. They are the most educated and well-informed generation in history.

Constantly connected to a world of social media and news feeds, they have few if any material needs; they are busier with work, school and social activities than any other generation before them.

A deeper look reveals that many are looking for more. Meaning and purpose, security and identity, connectedness and reliable relationships. In a world adrift from traditional moral, social and spiritual moorings, they are desperate to find a way to live, and something significant to live for.

Workers are needed

The need is clear, and Young Life provides a compelling answer to the issues facing Australia's young people. The question remains: how can Young Life Australia effectively equip the significant number of leaders required to make an impact in our communities?

Volunteers and staff are trained throughout the organisation. However, in order to broaden the scope of our training ground, we need to create an environment to where a greater number of people are nurtured for this important work.

Creating opportunity for rural young adults

More and more young adults in Australia are moving to urban centres seeking tertiary education and training. While distance courses rise in popularity, there is little opportunity for young adults to remain in a regional setting and study in community with likeminded people.

Armidale is a university town in which these requirements can be met. A Training Centre would provide a unique context for learning which would complement the greater opportunity that Armidale affords.

Indigenous training and education

Young Life has a growing ministry with indigenous young people in many communities throughout the organisation. In recent years Young Life Armidale has welcomed up to 80 young people weekly to Club - a large majority of whom are indigenous. This is the result of Young Life leaders intentionally forging relationships with these young people in their everyday context.

Young Life Australia is committed to providing support for indigenous young people becoming tomorrow's leaders. The facility will include indigenous mentoring for students as they continue their education and grow in leadership capacity.

Supporting and empowering indigenous young people is a key need around the country, and Young Life is pleased to play our part.