



# Lunch time conversations

What is it? An informal, relaxed lunch time conversation for workers about youth issues. It's not training, but you might take home a new trick or two...

Come to Frontyard and chew over the juicy issues facing the youth sector. Eat lunch with other workers and hear what they are thinking about the issues of the day. Listen to stories of lessons learnt and fingers burnt. How are your colleagues getting creative and working their way around the system to get good results for young people?

First Monday of the month. **Noon to 1pm.** Frontyard 19 King St, Melbourne. Info? Sherri 9611 2411.

## September 3

**“The family is like the forest. If you are outside, it is dense; if you are inside, you see that each tree has its own position.”**  
Nigerian Proverb

### Young people and their family.

Youth workers will come and go, but a young person is always part of their family, or better or worse.

Come and discuss practical methods of supporting young people to retain links to “family” in whatever form that may be.



## October 1

### Welfare reform



Work Choices, mutual obligations, fairness test.... Where do young people fit in and what impact are these reforms having on marginalized young people? How do youth workers navigate the way to make sure young people get a fair go?

Come and talk to your colleagues about practical ways to support young people.

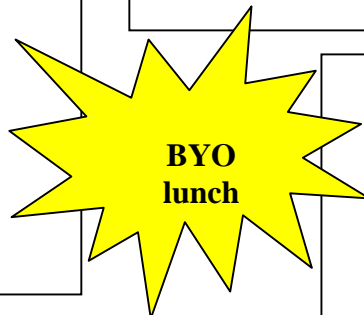
## December 3

### Working with refugee young people.



What have we learnt? How has the sector changed to meet the needs of refugee young people? What is working really well, and where do we need to rethink our strategies?

Come and talk to other workers and share your lessons learnt... and fingers burnt.



## November 12 (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month b/c Melb Cup Day)

### “Can you repeat the question?”

### Youth Homelessness Action Plan – How are we doing?

How has the YHAP impacted on you and your service? Minister Broad said “YHAP 2 will help create connections and establish a home for more young people”. How are we going with that??? What does it mean for you????

