



PRE-EVENT SESSIONS: FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026

2:00pm onwards	<p>Site Seeing in Sydney <i>Jess Delaney, NSW/ACT YCS Program Director & Eliza Hayes, YCS National Meet: Mercure Sydney Hotel Lobby (please leave any luggage at reception)</i> <i>Photographer will be attending & taking photos of everyone exploring Sydney</i></p>
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NYCCF GROUP ARRIVAL: FRIDAY 3 JULY 2026

From 4:00pm	FORUM REGISTRATIONS OPEN Level 1, Circular Quay Foyer, Mercure Sydney
4:00pm – 10:00pm	GUEST'S ARRIVAL & CHECK INTO HOTEL
7:00pm – 10:00pm	ARRIVAL DINNER Level 1, Circular Quay Room, Mercure Sydney

DAY ONE: SATURDAY 5 JULY 2025

From 7:30am	FORUM REGISTRATIONS & REFRESHMENTS Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
8:30am – 8:45am	WELCOME TO COUNTRY <i>Hidden Door Experiences</i>
8:45am – 8:55am	OPENING ADDRESS & HOUSE KEEPING <i>Megan Baiocchi, Head of YCS, Canteen</i>
8:55am – 9:05am	GROUP AGREEMENT <i>Darcy McIntosh, QYCS Quality Improvement & Innovation Officer</i>
9:05am – 9:25am	GROUP ICE BREAKER <i>Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i>
9:25am – 10:10am	YAG JURISDICTIONAL UPDATES <i>QLD, NSW/ACT, VIC/TAS, SA/NT & WA YAG Members</i>

10:10am – 10:20am	NATIONAL YAG PROJECTS UPDATES: Legacy Boxes <i>Ainslie Plumb, QLD YAG & Kerry Gordon, Founder & CEO Precious Wings</i>
10:20am – 10:30am	Care Connect Notebook <i>Eliza Hayes, YCS National & Liana Galic, SA/NT YAG</i>
10:30am – 11:00am	MORNING TEA Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
11:00am – 1:00pm	SESSION 1: KNOW IT - STRENGTHS, CONTRIBUTION & CAREER POSSIBILITIES <i>Rebekah Di Blasi, Career Coach, Design Your Best Work Life</i> <i>A strengths-based, interactive session exploring what career really means, what participants already bring, & how to start recognising & articulating that.</i>
1:00pm – 2:00pm	LUNCH, GROUP & PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
2:00pm – 3:30pm	SESSION 2: SHOW IT - APPLICATIONS, INTERVIEWS & CAREER CONVERSATIONS <i>Rebekah Di Blasi, Career Coach, Design Your Best Work Life</i> <i>A practical session focused on translating strengths into real-world contexts. Participants practise communicating what they bring & explore how to apply that to applications, interviews & career conversations.</i>
3:30pm – 3:35pm	WRAP-UP DAY ONE <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
3:35pm – 3:45pm	AFTERNOON TEA Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
3:45pm – 5:00pm	ABORIGINAL ART ACTIVITY <i>Hidden Door Experiences</i> <i>Facilitated by renowned Indigenous artists, this introduction to Aboriginal Art allows groups to get an understanding of symbolism & storytelling in Indigenous art.</i>
5:00pm	END OF DAY ONE & PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS
7:00pm – 10:00pm	GROUP DINNER Meet: 6:45pm in the Hotel Lobby, Ground Floor Venue: East Side Bar & Grill Address: Old Rum Store, Level 1/8 Kensington St, Chippendale NSW 2008

DAY TWO: SUNDAY 5 JULY 2026

From 8:30am	FORUM REGISTRATIONS OPEN Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
9:00am – 9:10am	REFLECTION OF DAY ONE & REVISIT GROUP AGREEMENT <i>Master of Ceremonies</i>
9:10am – 10:10am	SESSION 3: ADVOCACY TOOLKIT & CAMPAIGN CASE STUDIES - YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING CHANGE <i>Megan Baiocchi, Head of YCS & Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i> <i>This session explores how individuals can effectively advocate for change & have their voices heard by decision-makers. Drawing on real-world experience working with policymakers, Lucy Skelton will break down how decisions are made, who influences them, & where individuals can meaningfully contribute.</i>

	<i>While focused on influencing public policy, the skills shared are broadly transferable. Whether advocating for systemic change, navigating institutions, or speaking up for yourself, understanding how to communicate clearly & engage decision-makers is a valuable capability.</i>
10:10am – 10:15am	ENERGISER BREAK <i>Madison Purkis, MC & Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i>
10:15am – 10:45am	SESSION 3 CONTINUED: ADVOCACY TOOLKIT CONTINUED <i>Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i> <i>This session is designed to be accessible, practical & grounded, equipping participants with a clearer sense of how to turn their experiences & ideas into action, and where to start.</i> <i>Lucy is also really looking forward to spending the weekend with participants & getting to know you. She is always happy to chat & would love to hear from you before, during or after the event at lucy@foreaustralia.com</i>
10:45am – 11:00am	MORNING TEA Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
11:00am – 12:00pm	SESSION 4: SOCIAL MEDIA ADVOCACY - REELS FOCUS <i>Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i>
12:00pm – 12:10pm	ENERGISER BREAK <i>Madison Purkis, MC & Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i>
12:10pm – 1:30pm	SESSION 4: MEDIA ENGAGEMENT & YOUR ADVOCACY PLAN <i>Lucy Skelton, CEO & Founder FORE Australia</i>
1:30pm – 1:45pm	FORUM REFLECTION, WRAP-UP & CLOSING ADDRESS <i>Master of Ceremonies & Megan Baiocchi, Head of YCS, Canteen</i>
1:45pm	GRAB & GO LUNCH Level 2, Grand Central Room Foyer, Mercure Sydney
2:00pm	GUEST'S DEPART <i>Optional bus going to Sydney Airport</i>