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The future of work is what we make it: Submissions open for the National Youth Commission inquiry into Youth Employment and Transitions

The world of work is in a state of flux and young people could be a major casualty. Just over half a million young people are either underemployed or unemployed in Australia today. The average young person will spend 12 years learning in an education system that was designed over 70 years ago, and 50% of those young people will end up in jobs that haven't been created yet.

The National Youth Commission Inquiry into Youth Employment and Transitions has officially launched today, signalling the beginning of a two year nationwide inquiry into the state of play for young people preparing for and entering the rapidly changing labour market.

Modelled on a rigorous official Inquiry in all aspects but without government control of the process or the outcomes, the Commission is a unique collective process whereby young people and community members, business leaders and other stakeholders will bring forward detailed solutions to challenging national issues.

NYC Executive Officer, Keith Waters explains that the Commission will activate community, industry and policy makers to make real reforms that will ensure young people are equipped to participate in the future economy.

"Young people today are struggling to find work, struggling to make enough to live off, and struggling to fulfil basic adulthood milestones because we are simply raising them in a system that does not cater to the 21st century."

"This is about the whole community. We are seeking the expertise, ideas and experience of the whole of the Australian community, and young people themselves, to build a reform agenda for education and the future of work," Mr. Waters explains.

The Commission is underpinned by the belief that there is a need for a nation-building investment and fundamental change to the education, VET, tertiary and transition support systems in Australia, in order to reliably provide all young people with the skills, capabilities and support they will need to thrive in the future.

Submissions are now open and can be made by any individual or organisation on any issues relating to the [NYC's terms of reference](#). There will be public hearings and events run throughout the country and engagement online and through other platforms to collect as much evidence possible to represent the diverse experiences and knowledge across Australia.

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For any queries, or if you would like to get involved, please contact the NYC Secretariat via 03 9965 4911 or info@nycinquiry.org.au