**Local Democracy Group purpose statement**   
Advisory committees and working groups contribute to achieving community expectations as set out in the Inner West Community Strategic Plan - Our Inner West 2036:

Strategic Direction 5, Outcome 5.3 - people are well informed and actively engaged in local decision making and problem solving

The key purpose of all advisory committees and working groups is to support Council to review and implement the Community Strategic Plan through Council’s four-year Delivery Program and annual Operational Plan.

Advisory committees and working groups provide a purposeful forum to deliberate and problem solve.

**Young Leaders Working Group purpose statement**

Council supports the needs and desires of the young people of the Inner West and values their input into planning and service delivery

* To assist Council in ensuring that young people can contribute and engage towards thriving and wellbeing
* To provide input into the development and implementation of programs and services that ensure equity of access for young people
* To advocate on behalf of young people
* To ensure the voices of young people are heard in Council’s decision-making
* To support the delivery of Youth Week celebrations

**Selection criteria**

* Aged between 12-24
* Knowledge and understanding of the needs and issues affecting young people
* Are passionate about having an impact on the lives of young people in the Inner West LGA
* Are interested in being an advocate for young people in the community
* Would like to improve and develop skills in advocacy, leadership, problem-solving, communication decision making and presenting.

**Application questions**

1. What interests you about participating in the Young Leaders working group?
2. Describe any community groups, programs or activities you’re involved in that would be relevant to the Young Leaders' working group.
3. Describe what skills, experience and/or knowledge you would bring to the Young Leaders' working group?
4. What do you see as the most important issues and concerns facing young people in the Inner West LGA?