



SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERING AND UNPAID WORK PLACEMENTS AMONG CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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“The Joint Standing Committee on Children and Young People has commenced an inquiry into volunteering and unpaid work placements among children and young in NSW,” the Committee Chair, Mr Andrew Cornwell MP, announced today.

“In addition to benefitting those organisations that rely on volunteers, volunteering also positively impacts on the lives of young people in terms of their development, health and wellbeing.”

The Chair continued, “The Committee hopes to hear from people and organisations that are involved in volunteer work or unpaid work placements, particularly young people themselves. We are seeking their views on what can be done to encourage young people to volunteer and how to promote a positive culture of volunteering.”

“We also want stakeholder views on ensuring that volunteering opportunities and unpaid work placements are undertaken safely and always with the best interests of young people in mind.”

The closing date for submissions is Friday 31 January 2014.

More information about the inquiry and the Committee on Children and Young People can be found on the Committee’s webpage at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/children.

Submissions can be e-mailed to Childrens.Committee@parliament.nsw.gov.au or mailed to: The Inquiry Manager, Joint Standing Committee on Children and Young People, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000. Details of any public hearings will be published on the Committee’s webpage.

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