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WELCOME TO THE

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Welcome

Maddie Sirris – Vice President, Youth





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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the Traditional Custodians of this land, with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honoured. May we join together and build a future based on compassion, justice, hope, faith, and reconciliation.



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Agenda – Day One

Time	Session	Lead
09:00am	Arrivals and Registrations	-
09:30am	Acknowledgement of Country	Maddie Sirris
09:40am	Agenda and housekeeping	Maddie Sirris
09:45am	Welcome	Maddie Sirris
09:55 am	Spiritual Reflection	Maddy De Dassel
10:00am	NSW State Council President addresses forum	Paul Burton
10:10am	Activate Bingo	NSW Youth Committee
10:30am	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW CEO addresses forum	Yolanda Saiz
10:40am	Congress Recap	NSW Youth Committee
11:10am	MORNING TEA	-

Agenda – Day One

Time	Session	Lead
11:30am	Real Stories activity	Maddie Sirris
12:00pm	Engaging with young people and the people we serve	Maddie Sirris and Alysha Wong-O'Connor
12:30pm	Vinnies Kahoot	NSW Youth Committee
1:00pm	LUNCH (Vote on 2024 O-Week t-shirt designs!)	-
1:45pm	Postcard activity	NSW Youth Committee
2:30pm	Keynote Speaker – NSW Vinnies Vans Manager	Josie Charbel
2:50pm	AFTERNOON TEA	-

Agenda – Day One

Time	Session	Lead
3:10pm	Respecting the dignity of the people we serve	Roydon Ng
3:20pm	Christmas Card preparation for the people we serve	Christina Gilio
4:20pm	Recap and close	Maddie Sirris
5:30pm	OPTIONAL: Mass at St Peter Julian's Church - 641 George St, Haymarket OPTIONAL: Meditation and Gratitudes	-
6:30pm	Dinner, drinks and Dressed by Vinnies event	-

The Activate Youth Forum has been reimagined for 2023.
This year's theme of 'Living Out the Society's Mission' aims to revitalize member leaders' commitment to the mission, vision and values of the Society.



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Spiritual Reflection

Maddy de Dassel – Spiritual Advisor, Youth

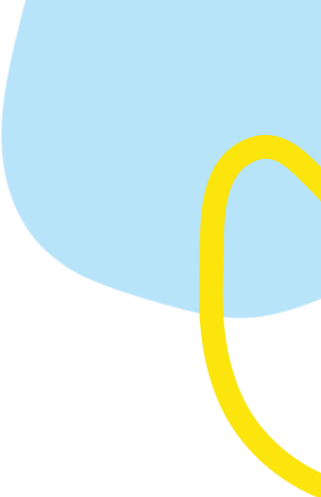




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NSW State Council President

Paul Burton



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Activate Bingo

NSW Youth Committee

Find someone who meets the description and write their name in the box.

Try and fill all the boxes.

Note: you cannot use the same person more than once.





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St Vincent de Paul Society NSW CEO

Yolanda Saiz



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Congress Recap

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Congress Recap



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MORNING TEA

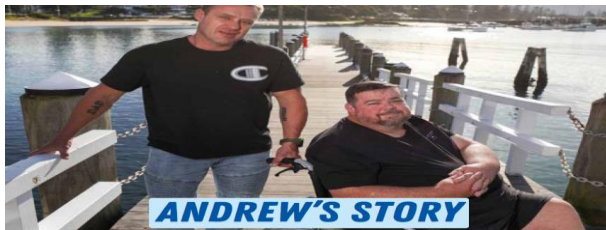


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Real Stories activity



1. Split up into groups and collect a 'Real Story'
2. Answer reflection questions
3. Discuss with larger group



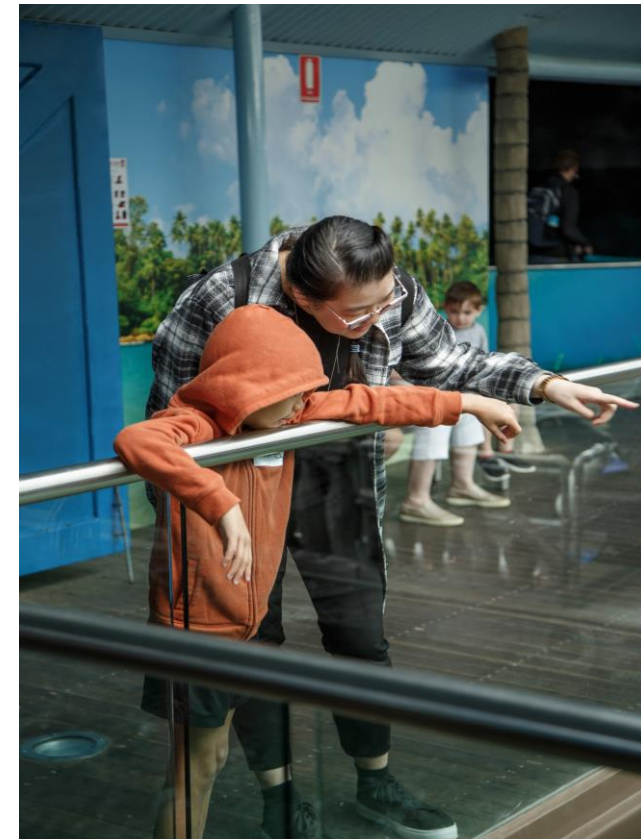
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Engaging with Young People and the People we Serve

Maddie Sirris and Alysha Wong-O'Connor



Buddies Day Program

Buddies - provide recreational for young people (5-12 yo), whose families are experiencing hardship and have sought assistance through Vinnies. The days also give parents and carers a little respite from caring responsibilities. Activities include visits to animal parks, movies, museums, water parks and fun-filled day programs facilitated at local schools. They provide disadvantaged young people with the opportunity to engage in new experiences and social activities that may not otherwise be available to them. Our Youth volunteers buddy-up with a young person and participate alongside them for the day.



Who are the people we serve?

Families experiencing some level of hardship and seek support from Vinnies:

- Lower socioeconomic backgrounds
 - Domestic Violence
 - High needs children
 - Children in foster care
- Families living in transitional housing
- Family needing a break or assistance through a difficult time



Why is it important?

For the Children

- Break from home life
- Make new friends
- Educational opportunity
 - Fun outing
- Surrounded by positive role models at an important time of their development

For the Parents

- Provide a break for their children
 - Free childcare
- Give them time for themselves
- A chance to get their affairs in order knowing their children are safe and well taken care of

For the Volunteers

- Exposes them to people from different backgrounds and walks of life
 - Opportunity to flex their mentor skills
 - Reiterated the importance of giving back



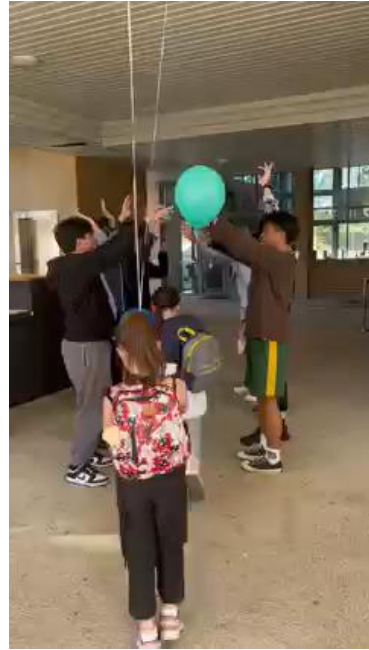
Long Term Benefits

Some of the lasting benefits of this program for children include:

- Providing them with the space to just be a child
- To set appropriate boundaries and expectations on behaviour
 - Give them tools to grow such as books, educational experiences, positive roles models at a critical time in their development
- Watching the child grow and give them tools to help break the cycle of hardship as they enter adolescence



Thank You to all Young Adult Volunteers



Activity – Glitter Calm Down Jars

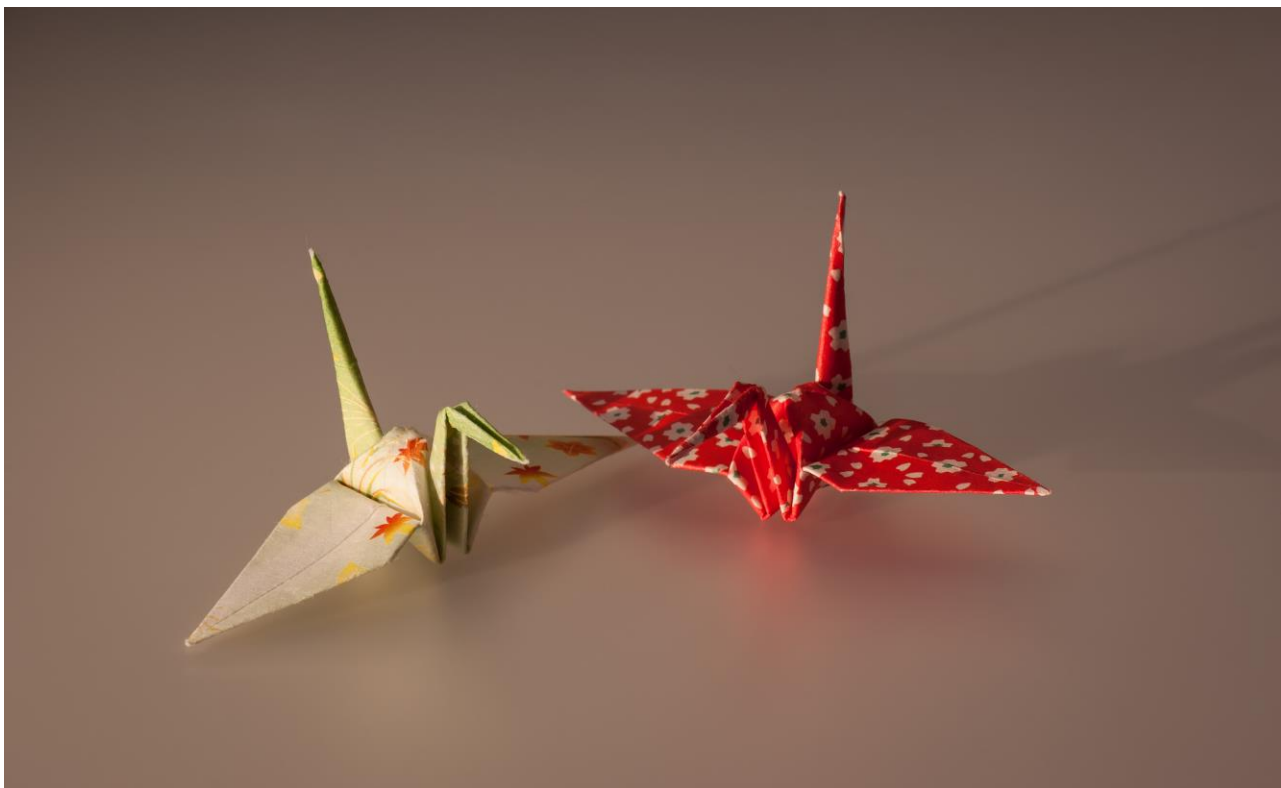


Instructions:

1. Fill half the jar with water
2. Fill the remaining half with clear glue
Leave about 2cm from the top
3. Add any glitter of your choosing
Feel free to mix up your colours
4. Place lid on and shake
5. Decorate the outside



Origami





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Vinnies Kahoot

NSW Youth Committee



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LUNCH

Don't forget to vote on the 2024 O-Week t-shirt design!



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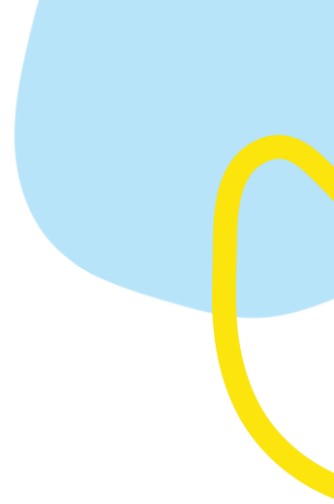
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Postcard activity

NSW Youth Committee



Keynote Speaker – Josie Charbel

Manager, Vinnies Vans | St Vincent de Paul Society, NSW

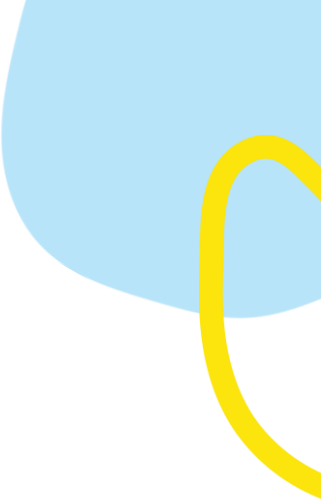




Vinnies Vans

Video

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AFTERNOON TEA



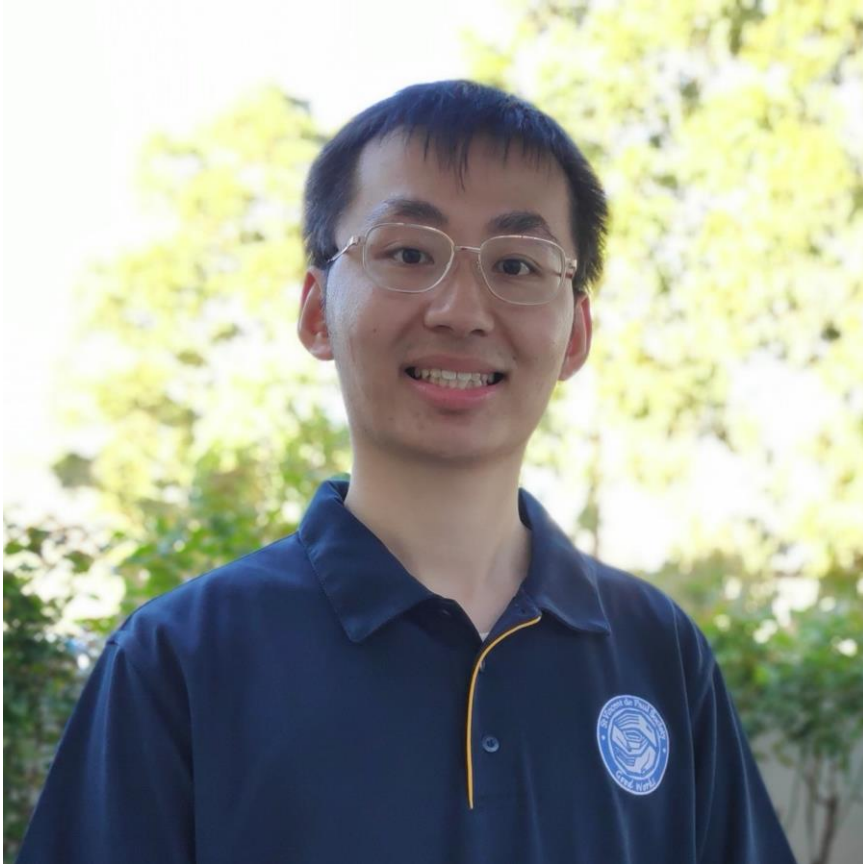
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Respecting the dignity of the people we serve

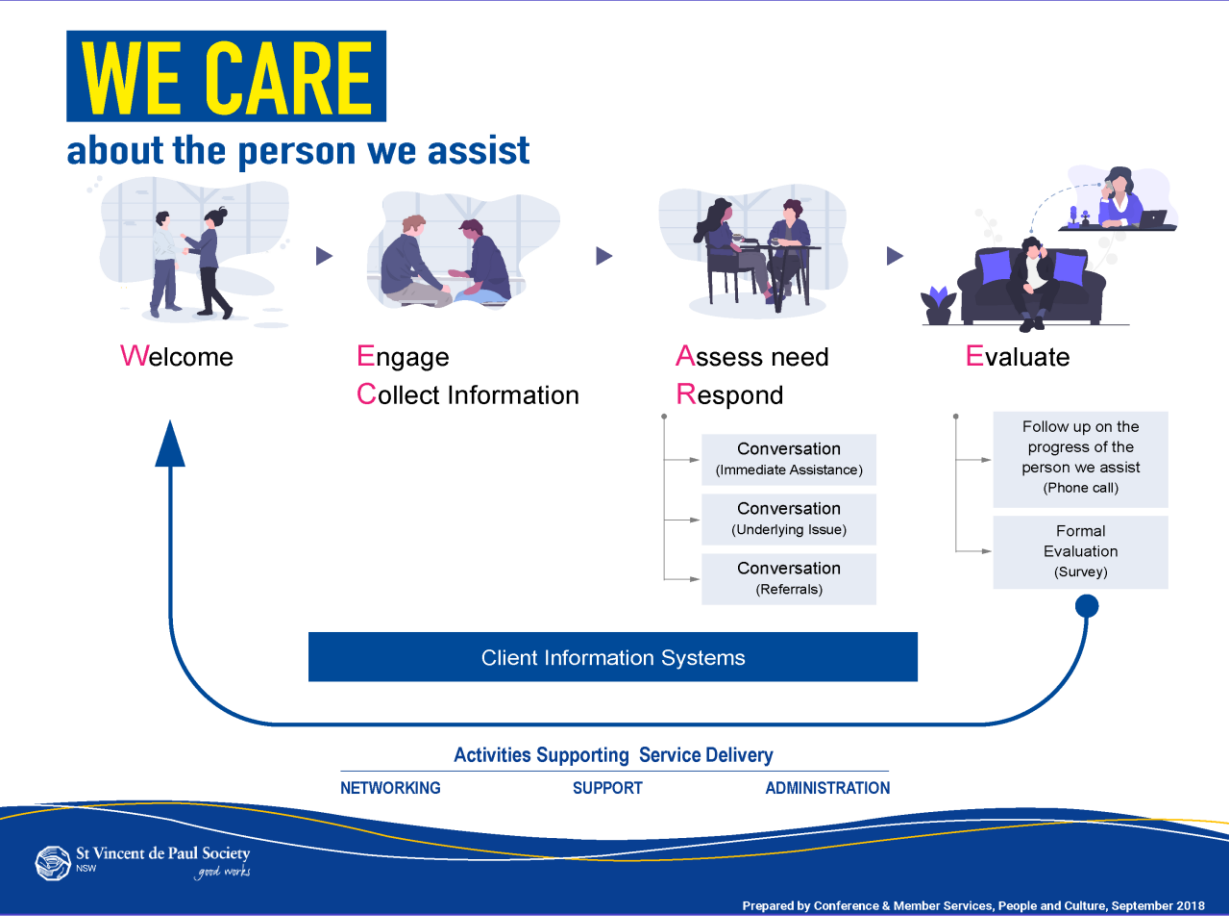
Roydon Ng – Metropolitan Schools Engagement Officer



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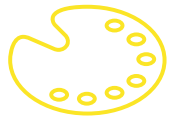
Respecting the Dignity of the People We Serve

- Catholic Social Teaching
- Hand Up not just a Hand Out
- WE CARE



Christmas Card preparation for the people we serve

Christina Gilio – Youth Engagement Coordinator



Recap and Close

Maddie Sirris – Vice President, Youth



5:30pm **OPTIONAL:**

- Mass at St Peter Julian's Church
641 George St, Haymarket

6:30pm

- Dinner and Dressed by Vinnies event

DAY 2 START TIME

10.00am



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DAY 2 START TIME 10.00am