



2017 Impact Report



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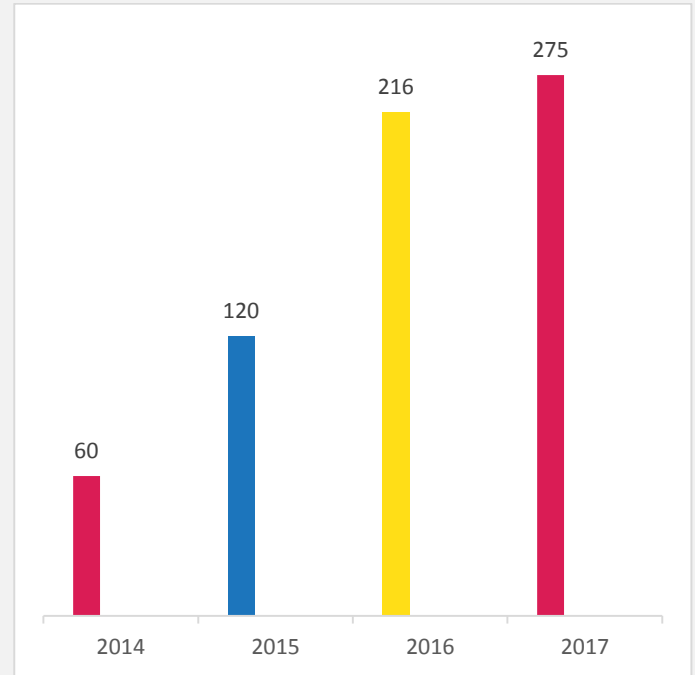
“YEG Youth Connect 2017 continued to welcome Edmonton’s youth currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness to connect with local agencies and services. The growing partnerships that have evolved over the last four years are a true testament to the commitment of connecting all youth to resources they need. It’s an honor to work with such incredible people to make YEG Youth Connect happen every year and our hope is that when youth walk into the event that they feel welcome and supported. The next event will strive to reach a plateau of guests with hopes the subsequent years of the events attendance decreasing, a direct correlation of this population being connected.” - Michael Peters & Sarah Terlesky, 2017 Committee Co-Chairs

About YEG Youth Connect

YEG Youth Connect is an annual event that welcomes Edmonton youth ages 13-29 who are at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness and connects them to local agencies, essential services, and a warm meal. The event is held during an afternoon, hosting service providers and youth from around the city in a fun, accessible, and safe environment for young people.

YEG Youth Connect was started in 2014 after a local social work student met with a young person wearing inadequate footwear in the middle of winter. This sparked a conversation amongst frontline workers about the very real need of hundreds of young people in our city.

Recognizing the many barriers young people face, some of these workers decided to coordinate an event to help youth get connected to the services they needed and thus YEG Youth Connect was born!



YOUTH ATTENDANCE

2017 Steering Committee



Sarah Terlesky



Michael Peters



Matthew Ward



Melissa Buchta



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YEG YOUTH CONNECT 2017 EVENT



275+ Youth



35 Service Providers



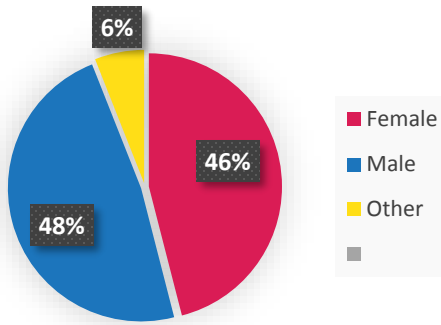
325+ Meals Served



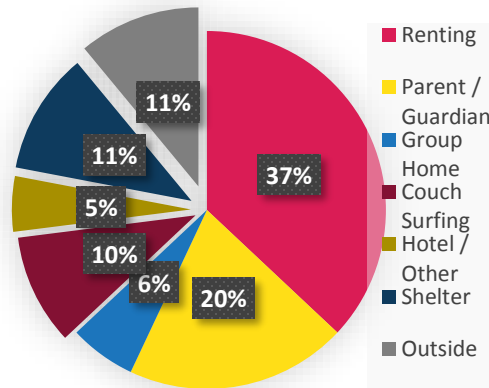
149 Bus Tickets

Attendee Demographic

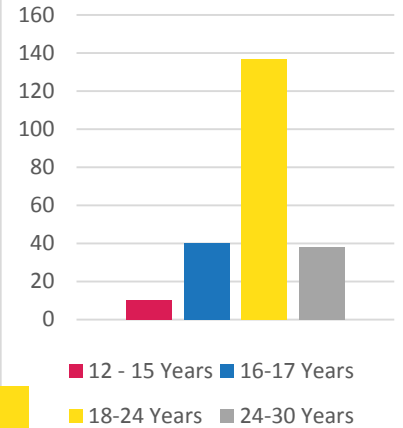
Gender Identity



Current Housing Situation



Age of Youth Attending Event

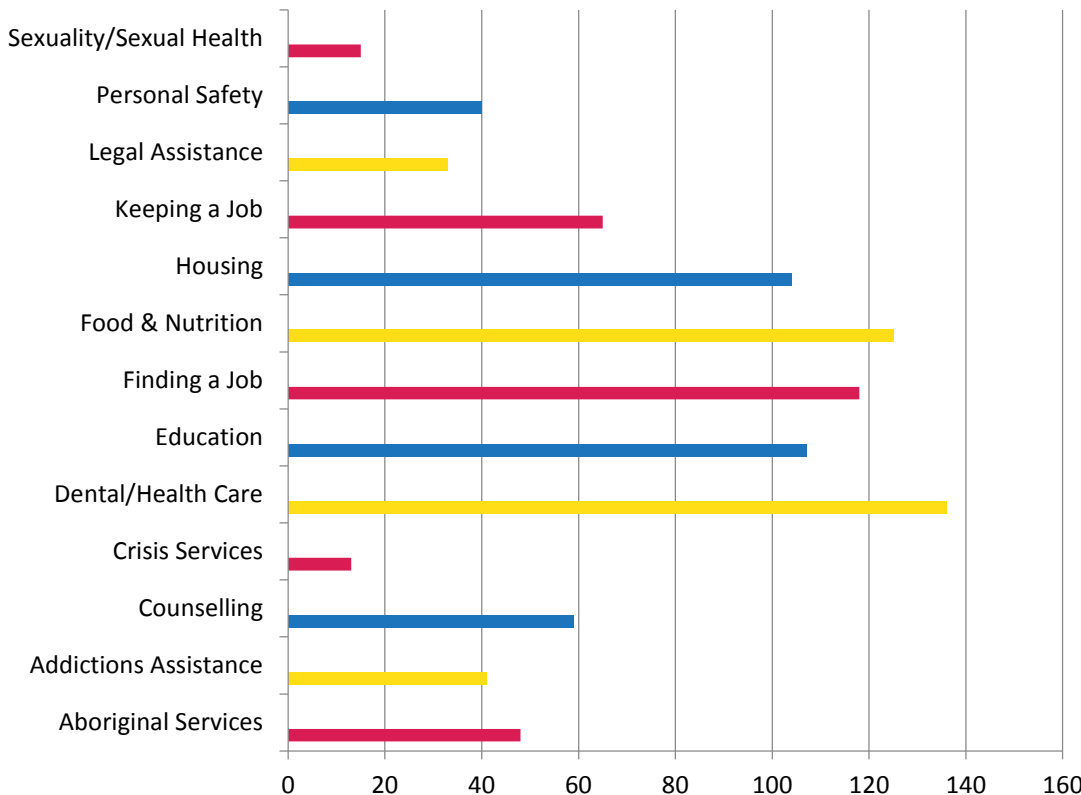


37% of youth who attended were without adequate housing

60% of youth self-identified as Indigenous

Greatest Needs

Young people surveyed at the event identified Dental/Healthcare, Food & Nutrition, Finding a Job, Education, and Housing as their greatest needs.



Top 5

We asked youth what they liked most about YEG Youth Connect. These five common themes were the most frequently mentioned by the youth who answered this survey question



Information, Resources & Activities



Positive, helpful people and exciting atmosphere



Food



Haircuts

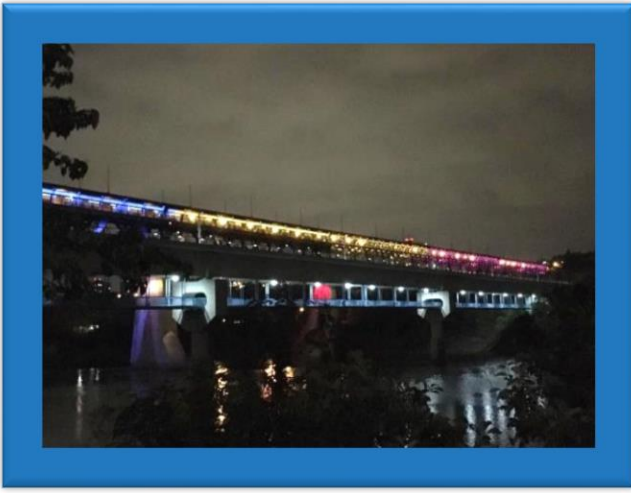


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“The Adara Hair and Body Studio family believes strongly in the Youth Connect mission, especially since our youth will become the ones to influence change in the very communities we exist. This is why we have supported YC since its inception.” – Rebecca, Owner, Adara Hair & Body Studio

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87% of youth surveyed Agreed or Strongly Agreed that they had become more connected community activities and became more aware of supports available to them

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