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Kids to have the opportunity to change their lives.

The highly successful Youth Insearch program, will this weekend return to Tasmania after a 12 month absence due to lack of funds.

Thanks to the generosity of Lions clubs throughout Tasmania, Youth Insearch will be able to conduct the Youth Insearch Camp that has been changing the lives of thousands of kids over the last 12 years in Tasmania.

Since 1985, 22,000 young people have participated in the Youth Insearch program throughout Australia. **Youth Insearch conducts weekend Camps for young people between 14-20 years of age from differing backgrounds and lifestyles. At the Camps, a safe and trusting atmosphere is created where young people feel comfortable to discuss emotional issues relating to family breakdown, drug and alcohol abuse, sexual abuse and grief related issues.**

Participants are able to draw on the experiences from each other and establish new goals and directions, taking control of their lives and realising their full potential.

Youth Insearch is not affiliated with any religious organisation.

The program has been featured 4 times on “60 Minutes” and “A Current Affair” in May 2001.

“Overcoming huge burdens such as family breakdown, drug and alcohol abuse, physical or sexual abuse, contemplating suicide and the feelings of isolation, places us in a unique position to be able to talk about these issues with authority” said 20 year old Heath Ducker a Youth Leader in the program.

Heath, now completing a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and a Bachelor of Law, owes his life to Youth Insearch.

“As a kid I lived in extreme poverty and experienced the trauma of sexual abuse. Youth Insearch focuses on the reasons why young people choose a path of self destruction”.

“The Government must look much deeper than the drug problem, we must address why it is happening in the first place” said Heath.

“Young people need to be loved and they need to have discipline. We need to focus more on providing this safe environment for them to grow up in.” said Heath

The Camp this weekend will be held at Lake Barrington.
For further enquiries about Youth Insearch, please contact 1800 805 635.

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