

Media Release
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NSW Governor celebrates Young Achievers

The Governor of NSW, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC will formally acknowledge the outstanding achievements of 13 young people involved with the Youth Insearch program at a Leaders Graduation Ceremony at Government House.

The majority of the young people have come from a range of disadvantaged backgrounds and have dramatically turned their lives around, now becoming positive contributors to society.

Youth Insearch is an organisation that has been rebuilding the lives of over 23,000 young people over the last 18 years. They conduct Weekend Camps and follow up Support Groups where a trusting environment is created. Young people feel comfortable to discuss issues of an emotional nature such as drug & alcohol abuse, family breakdown, sexual abuse and grief related issues. They are able to relate and seek positive alternatives to anti-social and destructive behaviour.

“Youth Insearch has been fantastic for me. I have come from having an eating disorder, smoking dope and drinking to now studying Communications and Public Relations at University” said award recipient Nicole Davey. “I never thought I would be a Youth Insearch Leader and about to go to Government House when my life was going nowhere 3 years ago”.

“The Camp was amazing, there were so many other kids there who had experienced similar things. The Camps changed my way of thinking and my perceptions towards others, I don’t know where I would be today if I had not gone to the Camp” said Nicole.

“The presentation will acknowledge the incredible achievement that these young people have attained.”, said Ron Barr OAM, CEO & Founder of Youth Insearch. “These young people have experienced some terrible things in their lives. They have been able to overcome them and have made their disadvantage, their advantage”.

Her Excellency will be presenting 13 Youth Leaders with their official Youth Insearch Leaders Badge and Certificate of Accreditation during a ceremony at Government House on Wednesday 9th April 2003 commencing at 3:00pm.

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