



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST NOMINATION FORM

**Board membership application
Launchpad Youth Community Inc.**

This is an opportunity to make positive change in young people's lives.

Launchpad Youth Community Inc. is on Gadigal and Wangal Land of the Eora Nation. We strive to prevent youth homelessness and empower young people to successfully achieve independence. We are a non-government service provider for young people facing homelessness in the City of Sydney and Inner West areas, with NSW Department of Communities and Justice and City of Sydney Council included among funding bodies.

We seek a new Board member for a First Nations identified position. We particularly encourage First Nations people across a range of age groups who are well-connected among Indigenous Australian people, families, communities and networks. Applicants may have worked in youth services, housing, homelessness, governance, business management, finance or fundraising or have experienced homelessness.

It doesn't matter if you've not been on a Board before. We're interested in your broader experiences, perspectives,

knowledge and networks and how they can influence the organisation, practices and culture at Launchpad. Your strengths can be personal or professional, with some connection to the local area desirable. Candidates must identify as being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

Participation fees are available. Before submitting your application, please read Launchpad's Code of Conduct, available on our [website](#), which ensures a culturally safe and respectful space for First Nations people, young clients and their children, Board members and staff.

Closing date: 28 October 2022

We will only use the information you provide for the purpose of this application. Our privacy policy is available on the Launchpad website for further information.

Submit your application to:
secretary@launchpadyouth.org.au

1. Personal details

Applicant's full name _____

Street address _____

Postal address _____

Organisation name (if a representative) _____

Email address _____

Phone numbers: *Home* _____ *Work* _____ *Mobile* _____

Gender: _____

2. Housing, homelessness, youth and young families

Launchpad provides housing, support and advisory services for young people facing homelessness. Some of the young people have children. Provide examples of your knowledge and involvement with housing, homelessness, youth and young families. Examples could include your own experiences, personal perspectives, voluntary community services or paid employment.

(Limit: 300 words)

3. First Nations people

Almost half of the young people Launchpad provides services to identify as First Nations. Respect for First Nations people is at the centre of everything we do. We are interested in knowing more about your background in this area. For example, you may identify as a First Nations person, have a community role among First Nations people or be a service provider, or would like to share your personal views and experiences. (Limit: 300 words)

4. Skills and networks

The Board strategically directs Launchpad, shapes its culture and oversees its performance. Provide details of your personal, community and professional skills (including legal, business management, finance, cultural practices and local networks) that would assist the Board in its governance of Launchpad and its services, engagement and reputation.

(Limit: 300 words)

5. Experience and affiliations with relevant organisations and committees (past and present)

Name of organisation or committee	Role	Years

6. Demographics

Launchpad's young clients are from a range of cultures, language groups and LGBTIQA+. The Board strives to reflect the diverse community it serves. Provide details of your personal demographics and background that you think are relevant to your application. (Limit: 100 words)

7. Referees

Provide details of two people who may be contacted in relation to your expression of interest. You can provide character referees as well as ones for voluntary services and paid employment. Referees will only be contacted for shortlisted candidates and with direct permission.

Name	Phone	Relationship to applicant
1.		
2.		

8. Media and information sources

How did you find out about the opportunity to join Launchpad's Board? (Limit: 50 words)

9. Declaration by applicant

The information that I have provided in this document is correct. I will share or obtain a Working with Children Check.

I would be available to attend the Launchpad Annual General Meeting on 12 December 2022 and regular Board or subcommittee meetings in-person at Erskineville (COVID-19 permitting) from January 2023 on the third Monday evening of the month, ten times per year. I understand each meeting will be 1-2 hours and that members may be eligible to receive sitting fees for each meeting fully attended.

I also understand that the submission of this form does not form an offer of an appointment to Launchpad's Board.

Signature: _____

Date: _____