

# THE FOYER ADVANTAGE

Beyond youth homelessness

National Conference

31 Aug –  
01 Sep 2022  
JW Marriott  
Gold Coast

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The Foyer Foundation National conference showcases the knowledge, aspiration and financial innovation to grow accredited youth Foyers across Australia.

Discover the lived experiences of our youth ambassadors as they co-host Q+A sessions, workshops, big idea pitches and breakouts.

Our largest conference!



Over 2 jam packed days



Tailor your experience



Foyers are:

A unique solution providing a safe home with integrated services, education and employment pathways under one roof.



**Local and international experts:** Join our courageous guests as we unlock the relationship between youth homelessness, whole of government involvement and deep listening through the lived experiences of young people. More to be announced soon!

**Real time investment panel:** Hear from the Foyer Invest Consortium as they demonstrate the potential links between social outcomes and impact investment models - informing new solutions for young people in every state and territory.

**Be part of our launch with *Under one Roof*** - engaging all levels of government in an approach that will enable Australia to move beyond youth homelessness.

**How to establish a Foyer – day two Masterclass:** A must attend for anyone interested in potentially funding, opening or accrediting a Foyer. Co-hosted by Foyer Foundation and Brotherhood of St Laurence. Limited spots so get in quick!

**Many networking opportunities:** Meet service providers, business and government leaders, philanthropists, impact investors and young people as they reveal what makes Foyers so essential in Australia today. Enjoy our networking cocktail party by the pool on August 31st.

**Find out about new solutions to youth homelessness** from mental health, cultural safety, First Nations co-design methods, emerging education and employment pathways and the next horizon of Advantaged Thinking.

**And, engage in evidence-informed strategies with experts in the Foyer marketplace.**

Foyer visits in Qld



200+ Delegates



40+ expert speakers



Be part of the solution!



Build new networks



Lived experience panel



# Day one: Plenary Wednesday August 31

Registration: 8-9am

Lunch: 1-1.45pm

Cocktail networking event:

6-8pm by the JW Marriott Pool



## 9am: The art of listening

Mapping the landscape for Foyers

Why Foyers Matter to me - young people with Chloe Shorten

**Keynote speaker: Judy Atkinson OAM**

Youth Futures: What are they teaching us – What are we learning

Join our co-hosts Foyer Foundation CEO

**Liz Cameron-Smith** and our youth ambassadors as they establish the Foyer advantage and map the landscape for change and innovation.

We unpack why Foyers matter with young people and the Foundation's ambassador **Chloe Shorten**.

**Judy Atkinson OAM** has extensive experience working with Indigenous communities across Australia in the area of violence, trauma and healing. Her work provides context to the life stories of people who have moved or been moved from their country. She is Patron of the We Al-li Trust and is researching the development of an evidence-base using cultural tools in education in community change processes.

## 11.30am: Under one Roof

Launch of our bold ambition to grow Foyers

Introducing Foyer Invest Consortium

Engage in ways that Governments can invest in innovative evidence-based solutions

Q+A panel and networking discussion Hosted by **Marion Bennett, Mission Australia**

**Keynote speaker: To be announced**

Co-Conveners of Foyer Invest Consortium **Keith Bryant** and **Jan Owen AM** will reveal new thinking and approaches from a national consortium of Foyer operators, impact investors, business leaders and philanthropists.

What impact could we create? What are the potential benefits and how can young people and others get involved? What are the multi-dimensional aspects behind youth homelessness and how can we move beyond it?



## 1.45pm: Real time investing

Hear about the potential and interest in impact investing around Australia

The invitation for Governments to be involved in new approaches

New investment models for Foyers - panel session with impact investors and CEOs

**Keynote speakers: Tammy Pararajasingham, Uniting and Tim Shaw, For Purpose Investment Partners**

Keynote speaker **Tammy Pararajasingham** will address two key questions as we demystify the role of impact investing exploring why it could be of great value to Australia. With a Q+A panel with **Michael Traill AM**, and some of Australia's most experienced investors, we will unpack why new models are not being picked up in Australia and identify why Foyers could be a perfect match.

With **Tim Shaw** we will explore an example of impact investing in the disability sector and hear from young people as they interact with the growth potential of new models.

## 3.30pm: Foyer Futures

Education and Employment pathways panel Hosted by **Abhilash Mudaliar, Paul Ramsay Foundation**

Mental health and the Foyer approach

The next horizon of Advantaged Thinking 2.0

**Keynote speaker: Jono Nicholas, EY Oceania and Colin Falconer, UK**

**Jono Nicholas**, Chief Mental Health Advisor EY Oceania will share new insights on the mental health challenge and the economics of intergenerational inequality.

In this session, international speaker **Colin Falconer** will share insights from innovative work to further the development of Advantaged Thinking impact with young people. He will share how young people and UK Foyers are being equipped to tackle mental wellbeing challenges.

# Day two: Thursday September 1



Registration 8-9am

Lunch 1-1.45pm

Conference concludes: 4pm with optional Foyer visit finishing at 5pm

## 9am: Big Ideas and lived experience

Engage in a range of big idea pitches to support innovation across Foyer communities

Lived experience panel with young people, hosted by Chloe Shorten

**Speakers include: Stephen Lewin, CEO, Youth Insearch Foundation, Jensen Young from Relationships Australia, Greg McGahan from Mater Young Adult Health Centre**

The morning session will kick off with numerous Big Idea pitches from a range of sectors and settings around Australia who see the value of the integrated Foyer approach.

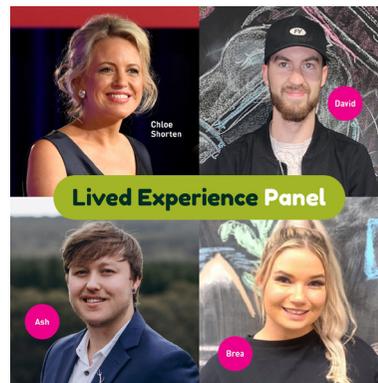
Join The Foyer Foundation's ambassador **Chloe Shorten** with our **youth ambassadors** as they discuss their lived experience to inform us as we grow the Foyer movement in Australia.

## 10.40am onwards: Foyer marketplace – 3 breakout streams and a masterclass

If you are new to the Foyer Advantage, or already engaged in a youth Foyer, explore our showcase of Foyer operators sharing their insights, knowledge and learnings.

Hear from a wide range of the Foyer network, CSO's and young people as you tailor your journey around day two.

There will also be limited spots to **visit Foyer Gold Coast**, take a tour and meet the team.



**Raising a family in a foyer** – Foyer Warrnambool

**Foyer readiness and "The Deal"** – Foyer Logan

**Transitioning youth accommodation services to a Foyer model - a spotlight on Tasmania** – Brotherhood of St Laurence

**Supporting a balanced, diverse and inclusive community** – Foyer Oxford

**Indigenous Foyer Co-design** – Public Realm lab

**Connecting past and present** – Foyer Alumni Youth Consultants

**Placing your Foyer at the heart of community education and employment pathways** – Foyer Shepparton

## How to establish a Foyer Exclusive Masterclass: series Part 1 and 2

Co-hosted by Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Foyer Foundation

**Limited places - Register to join the Foyer Masterclass.**

This masterclass over two sessions is designed to support Foyers and communities or groups in the early phase of building, developing or operating a Foyer or who want to engage in the value of accreditation.

A dedicated 3 hour workshop will cover topics such as:

- Throwing out the rulebook: being led by a bold ambition to deliver an Under one Roof programme
- Identifying the opportunity: the local need for a Foyer and bringing the community along with you
- Foyers as a program: the impacts beyond the provision of youth accommodation
- Forming an alliance: essential Governance and Partnerships to advance your Foyer campaign
- The value proposition: the Foyer build and operating costs
- Becoming accredited: what to expect and how to get started
- Advantaged Thinking: how to embed the principles, develop your culture and be ready for panel