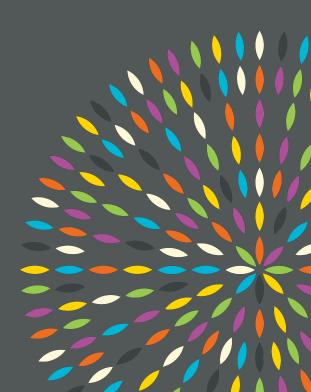


Young people: active citizenship and belonging

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it is no longer feasible or wise to look at young people as citizens sometime in the future.

Citizenship cannot be seen as something one acquires once one has 'grown up'. The challenge is to create the capacity of young people to participate deeply today





Active Citizenship (formal and informal) – Deep participation in social, political, economic and civic spheres Sense of belonging with bridging and bonding Identification of shared challenges, managing different and, shared interest and shared goals

Community cohesion – dynamic and a



Differences in participation according to time lived in Australia

Australian born:

- Volunteering74%
- discussion
 forums e.g.
 Social media

More than 6 years in Australia:

- Youth leadership activities 75%
- Involvement in their own cultural communities'

Less than 5 years in Australia:

- Group recreationor social activity71%
- School based groups 50%
- Volunteering36%
- Youth leadership activities 39%

Participation: must be underpinned by safety (physical and psychological) – strong underlying theme



"My family is saying 'people are exploiting you, they are misusing you'

– if you do volunteering and work without payment. But I continue

volunteering, because I get something out of it - so that is a kind of

payment. Not monetary based, but it is about learning, networks,

having the feeling that I'm contributing and boosting my confidence"

- young Afghan man

