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New home and a new life for youth-led sexual health promotion - YEAH

A new and revitalised youth-led holistic sexual health program is in prospect following the transition of YEAH to Penington Institute.

While YEAH is currently focused on youth sexual health the program will broaden its focus to incorporate youth focused information on alcohol and other drugs.

According to Penington Institute CEO John Ryan, “YEAH has pioneered many opportunities for young people to become leaders in promoting positive and inclusive information on sexual health in their own authentic voices to their friends and peers.

“We are really excited to embark on this new chapter with a vision to connect sexual health with information on alcohol and other drugs,” Mr Ryan said.

“We know that all too often issues affecting the sexual well-being of young people are linked to alcohol and drug use and vice-versa.”

YEAH founder and former CEO, Alischa Ross said “I am thrilled that after a concerted community effort to save YEAH, it has found a new home at Penington Institute.

“Penington Institute’s vision and commitment will ensure YEAH’s work not only continues, but expands in its capacity to positively impact the lives, health and wellbeing of young people across Australia,” Ms Ross said.

“This is an incredible opportunity to broaden the scope to include information on alcohol and other drugs because the links between these areas in young people’s lives are strong and real.”

Penington Institute is working with YEAH to build on the momentum and legacy of YEAH’s work that over 12 years resulted in Australia’s largest online and face-to-face engagement of young people with sexual health information.

“I look forward to engaging with the YEAH community – these networks have been the driving force of YEAH’s past success.

“This will ensure we continue to deliver and grow YEAH services,” Mr Ryan said.

“Watch out for future announcements as we engage with young people and deliver a new and improved YEAH.”

For more information about YEAH and the work of Penington Institute visit: www.yeah.org.au and www.penington.org.au

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