



Changemaker Program (12yrs to 25yrs)

A Changemaker is defined as someone who wants to improve their community or recognises an issue they want to tackle and wants to work together to make it happen. The Changemaker program is designed to assist local people aged 12 – 25yrs who want to make a positive change in their community for their community and who want to develop their leadership, organisation, and communication skills.

You or a group of young people may be interested in: Inclusion; Increasing Youth Voice; Youth Wellbeing and Engagement; Sustainability or Improving the Community we Live in. Or if you are not sure of your idea or have any questions ring us and have a chat on [8408 1316](tel:0884081316).

Successful Changemaker applicants will work with the Youth Development Team for up to six months to plan and launch their idea. The level of support will be negotiated with the Changemaker and will be dependent on experience, complexity of project and specific requirements to successfully implement the idea.

The City of Charles Sturt Youth Development Team will support the successful Changemaker applicant to plan, implement and review their project by:

- Linking Changemakers to others who have complementary skills to share the workload or to relevant local community groups, organisations, businesses, committees, and networks
- Supporting Changemakers to access programs to develop the skills needed to move their idea forward
- Assisting Changemakers locate the resources needed to get your idea off the ground
- Financing, where funding is not available, materials and equipment up to \$1000 per Changemaker initiative (Subject to approval. Non-consumable purchases remain the property of City of Charles Sturt).

Eligibility Criteria and Guidelines

Applications are open to individuals or groups (12-25yrs) who meet the following essential criteria to be eligible to participate in the program:

- Live in the City of Charles Sturt <http://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/map>
- Aspire to be a Changemaker
- Have a new idea for a local community activity or who have identified a community opportunity
- Willingness to receive support and work with others to develop the idea
- Level of interest in developing project management skills and a clear project plan (develop vision, set realistic goals, implement tasks, develop promotion plan, review outcomes and approaches).
- Amount of time available to focus on the idea (negotiated during planning stage)
- Interest and ability to drive the idea and make it happen.

Applicants who meet the above essential criteria will undergo phone and/or face to face meetings to further assess their suitability.

Ineligible

You are ineligible to apply for the Changemaker program if you or your group:

- are outside of the age range
- are applying as a registered business
- are seeking support to run a for profit activity
- are intending to deliver a fundraising project
- the proposed activity or project form part of a formal qualification or award.

Apply to become a Changemaker

Expressions of interest are open all year round and are submitted via the online expression of interest form located on the City of Charles Sturt Website:

<https://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/community/events-and-activities/change-maker>