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YOUTH WEEK – ANGLICARE NT

Anglicare NT is supporting several initiatives across the Northern Territory for *National Youth Week*; an annual celebration of young people across the Territory.

In Katherine, Anglicare NT are partnering with Katherine Regional Arts to run a free Solar Cinema event for young people with food provided. Meanwhile, in East Arnhem Anglicare NT are organising a mural painting at the Gunyangara Youth Centre, where a local Indigenous artist will work with young people to design and create an artwork focusing on the value of the individual and the importance of inter-connectedness and support.

In Darwin, Anglicare NT and City of Darwin will be presenting their annual “Couch Surfing” event which aims to raise awareness about the disproportionately high rates of youth homelessness. This year, 16 teams of young people have decorated couches and are ready to battle it out for the race of the year. headspace Darwin are entering the race, along with members of the Anglicare NT youth team from Katherine, who will be contending the race for the first time. Over 20 local organisations will hold information stalls, NT Thunder will run sporting activities and Larrakia TV and Radio will broadcast live from the event. There will also be a photo booth, free barbecue and drinks.

“Youth Week provides a fantastic opportunity for organisations to work with young people to run events and activities, while also highlighting issues facing young people such as homelessness, financial stress and mental health,” said Anglicare NT CEO Dave Pugh.

“Supporting young people and keeping them engaged in fun and educational activities during the school holidays is a great step towards strengthening families and building safe and strong communities.”

FOR COMMENTS OR INTERVIEWS

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