



Introducing the....

## BRISBANE YOUTH ENVIRONMENT NETWORK

- Are you concerned or angry about what's happening to our environment?
- Do you feel like you don't have a say?
- Are you trying to do the right thing but feel like you're the only one who cares?
- Would you like to be part of a crew of young people, working to make a difference?

The Brisbane Youth Environment Network is a project of the Lord Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, set up to support young people to act on their concerns about our environment and connect them to other young people who share these concerns. The project seeks to:

- Build connections through events that encourage peer learning and collaboration
- Stimulate young people to engage in more environmentally sustainable behaviours
- Connect young people with groups that support them in developing as leaders
- Provide skills and resources to help young people develop projects within their community.

The network will be youth led, supported by the Brisbane City Council Youth Team.

### Who can participate?

All high school students from the Greater Brisbane Area are welcome to get involved.

### What's in it for you?

Being a part of an environmental leadership program will empower you to work for change in your community. You'll also:

- Get a certificate to include in your portfolio
- Get assistance with media coverage and online case studies of your projects
- Access project resources including a venue, catering and assistance with event promotion
- Develop leadership and project management skills
- Have a great time working with others

### How do I find out more?

A series of events is planned for the first half of 2010 to kick start the network and provide you with the skills to implement your own ideas and projects. Events are free and will be held during the school holidays at the Visible Ink Youth Space in Fortitude Valley. Refreshments will be provided.

- **Visioning and action planning workshop**  
Friday 9 April, 2pm to 4pm – RSVP by Friday 26 March  
The first public meeting where group members brainstorm, share ideas and commit to taking action as a team
- **Sustainability leadership training and forum**  
Friday 9 July, 10am to 4pm – RSVP by Friday 25 June  
A full day of workshops, speakers and activities designed to open up a wide range of opportunities for you to make a difference

To RSVP or for further information contact Faith Thomas, Community Development Officer – Youth at Brisbane City Council on 3403 0839 or email [faith.thomas@brisbane.qld.gov.au](mailto:faith.thomas@brisbane.qld.gov.au).