

# Media Release

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## SUPPORTING YOUNG VICTORIANS TO NAVIGATE LIFE

The Labor Government is helping young Victorians navigate important aspects of life with an online platform that is fun to use and includes information about a range of topics.

Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman today launched the new YouthNav platform which has been closely developed with young people and those helping young people in their work.

The Labor Government has invested \$750,000 to deliver the life skills resource designed to help young Victorians aged from 12 to 25.

YouthNav asks young users about their skills with interactive prompts and provides guidance on life topics using clickable information presented in an engaging way.

The platform helps young people understand, plan for and succeed in skills like getting a job, moving out of home, getting around, having their say and managing money.

Over 160 young people aged from 13 to 25 were consulted during development of the platform and provided feedback that has shaped the information and topics it covers.

Financial counsellors and youth practitioners, including South East Community Links, also provided insights from working with young people.

The platform was co-designed and tested with members of the Victorian Youth Congress, an advisory group made up of 20 young people aged 12 to 25 who work with the Labor Government to make sure a youth perspective is embedded in policies and decisions that affect Victoria's young people.

Victorian Youth Congress members were involved in concept and prototype testing of the online platform over a 12-month period that helped to create a resource that meets the needs and interests of young people.

The YouthNav platform has been delivered by the Labor Government as part of the *Our promise, Your future Youth Strategy 2022–2027* – designed to improve the health, wellbeing and future of young people in Victoria.

For more information, or to try YouthNav, visit [youthcentral.vic.gov.au/youthnav](https://youthcentral.vic.gov.au/youthnav).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Natalie Suleyman

*“Young people have been involved in the design of this online platform every step of the way – the outcome is fantastic and this new resource will make a difference for young people across our State.”*

*“We continue to work in partnership with young people to make sure we provide them with support, opportunities and a voice in the work we do, to help them succeed in life.”*