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Human Library to tell the stories of Cockburn's young people

Local residents will have the chance to hear the fascinating and diverse personal stories of Cockburn's young people as part of Youth Week WA (13-20 April, 2019).

On Saturday 13 (10am-12pm) and Tuesday 16 April (3pm-5pm), the Cockburn Youth Centre is holding a human library with seven local young people as its 'living books'.

The human library invites community members to come and have a conversation with each of the living books to learn about their lives and aspirations. The goal of the event is to explore common perceptions, stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue and storytelling in order to encourage empathy and connectivity in the community.

The human books will include:

Janeese – a young woman who moved to Perth in 2012 from Carnarvon. Janeese has achieved double degree in HR Management and Behaviour Science and won a range of University awards, including the Dean's Award. She is a member of Cockburn's Youth Advisory Collective and has done work placement at Cockburn Youth Services.

Eliza – The recipient of Cockburn's Young Community Citizen of the Year in 2019. A Lakeland's Senior High School student, who has dedicated a great deal of time to volunteer work in the community. Eliza has fundraised for Native ARC, a local non-profit organisation that provides provide medical care and rehabilitation services for over 3350 injured, sick, orphaned native wildlife each year. She also helps organise local youth events including Battle of the Bands, FROSH Festival and the Youth ANZAC Parade and Service. She is also a member of the Cockburn Youth Advisory Collective.

Kamran – A semi-finalist in Young Achiever Awards, Kamran is a student at Notre Dame. He was nine years old when he first started volunteering with St John Ambulance as a junior first aider tasked with attending small community events. He has volunteered at a dozen different organisations including Homeless Run Perth, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Camp Quality, AIME and Night Hoops. He is extremely passionate about working with groups who are marginalised and disadvantaged in society.

Corey – The former Head Boy Fremantle College, Corey is now studying at Murdoch University. He lives with disability and is well known at his former schools, university



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and in the community. Corey aspires to be a police detective and is very active at the Cockburn Youth Centre.

Mayor Logan Howlett said that the event was a perfect way to showcase the positive impact that many of Cockburn's young people have in the community.

"There are many inspirational young people in Cockburn who support our community through volunteer work and other channels.

"These young people represent a bright future, but are also major contributors right here and now. I would encourage our residents to come along to the human library to learn more about the people who do this great work."

Event Details:

When: 10am-12pm, Saturday 13 April
3-5pm, Tuesday 16 April

Where: Cockburn Youth Centre, 25 Wentworth Parade, Success

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