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## **CQ Young Indigenous people urged to apply for leadership program**

Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Central Queensland interested in developing leadership skills are urged to apply for the 2020 Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (QIYLP).

Local members of Parliament Brittany Lauga (Keppel) and Barry O'Rourke (Rockhampton) said applications were now open offering young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, aged 18 to 25 the chance to grow leadership skills, learn how to develop community project proposals and potentially implement that project back in their community.

"This is an amazing opportunity for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from CQ," said Ms Lauga.

"It's a great chance to build leadership skills and influence change and that's why I strongly encourage any young person interested to put their hands up and apply."

She said the QIYLP is a six-day residential program held in Brisbane from 27 June to 2 July 2020, accommodating 40 young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders from across Queensland.

Mr O'Rourke said the residential leadership program is delivered in partnership with Queensland Parliamentary Service and with sponsorship from mining company Glencore Coal Assets Australia.

"This is such a great way to help young people fully realise the possibilities that are open to them," he said.

"It's exciting to think that in 2020 we will see these numbers rise yet again as we enter another year of this remarkable leadership program."

Applications for the Queensland Indigenous Youth Leadership Program are now open and will close on 15 April 2020.

For more information visit [www.qld.gov.au/qiylp](http://www.qld.gov.au/qiylp)

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