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Nulsen Group's Youth Patron Program saved by donation

Nulsen Group's Youth Patron Program which encourages year 10 and 11 students to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities has been saved from the brink of collapse by a generous donation from Ansva Australia.

The specialist insurer Ansva Australia has given \$20,000 to Nulsen Group which will ensure the Youth Patron Program can continue to support leadership development of 36 students at three schools in Western Australia until the end of the year.

Nulsen Group CEO Gordon Trewern said the donation from Ansva has come at a critical time when the not-for-profit was considering axing the student leadership program due to lack of funding.

"Since the roll-out of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) all state-based funding for special programs which support people with disabilities such as the Youth Patron Program has ceased, and Nulsen Group has been actively trying to raise funds from the business community," Mr Trewern said.

"Ansva's donation has not only saved the educative program which benefits our residents with complex disabilities and WA students, it is also an acknowledgement how important Nulsen Group's Youth Patron Program is to encourage altruism in our next generation of leaders.

"Nulsen Group provides care and services to people with complex disabilities and we rely on community-based programs to encourage student volunteerism and also illustrate how important it is to have empathy for vulnerable people," he said.

The Nulsen Youth Patron Program is run in partnership with All Saints' College, Hale School and Methodist Ladies' College and aims to foster youth leadership, self-development and community service.

Ansva CEO Warren Hutcheon said the donation to Nulsen Group is part of Ansva Australia's \$250,000 national Community Education Program (CEP) grants which have been awarded to 10 not-for-profit organisations across Australia this year.

"We are proud of our CEP Grant Program and inspired by the phenomenal work that this year's ten recipients undertake to better the lives of Australia's young people," Mr Hutcheon said.

"Funding for not-for-profit organisations is more of a challenge every year, and Ansva looks forward to watching these amazing organisations, including Nulsen Group, make a positive impact on many people's lives."

Mr Trewern said that students participating in this year-long program will gain enhanced public speaking and leadership skills, which will empower them to be more effective community leaders and advocates for people with disabilities.



“Given the current issues with the rollout of the NDIS we need to develop a new generation of young people who will care how people with disabilities are treated and strive to improve the lives of all vulnerable people in our community,” Mr Trewern said.

ABOUT NULSEN

Nulsen Group is a not-for-profit organisation that provides care and services to more than 200 Western Australians with complex disabilities. We have been part of the WA community for more than 65 years.

For more information about the Program visit the Nulsen [website](#).

ABOUT ANSVAR AUSTRALIA

Ansvar Australia is a specialist insurer providing cover and risk management services to the faith, heritage, charity, education, and real estate sectors.

Every year Ansvar receives more than 250 applications for grants of up to \$50,000. The money goes to organisations that provide education, skills training and other programs helping vulnerable youth.

Since 1994, Ansvar has contributed more than \$10 million in grants to organisations that assist vulnerable and disadvantaged young Australians.

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