

Youth Services Halls Creek has been questioned 15 children. You can find the answers regarding question 1 and 2 in the attached excel document.

1. What are the languages spoken in your community?

Please see attached excel document

2. How well are they spoken by children, adults and elders?

Please see attached excel document

3. Describe your group and project:

Youth Services aims to provide a safe environment for young people. The service provides a diverse range of activities.

X Why was it important to start up?

There were almost to no services for young people in Halls Creek.

X How long have you been running?

Approximately 6 years

X What age group(s) are you working with?

4 – 25 years old

X How many people are involved?

Roughly 150 – 200 young people a day

4. What activities do you do to record or encourage the use of languages, including local languages?

The Service does not have a specific language focus. When there are any activities organized in and outside the community we try to arrange for young people to participate in the activity.

X How are local schools involved?

Unknown. Youth Service staff are aware that language classes have been run at the local high school outside of school hours.

X What help do you receive from the government or other organisations to carry out your activities?

The Service relies on Government and rate payer money to operate. A large portion of the Services operating capacity comes from volunteers and in kind support from community members or other service providers.

X Can you describe how your project's activities may have helped the whole community?

Young people have a safe place to be, there is less crime, antisocial behavior and property damage when the Service is opening. Youth people have the opportunity to grow and develop with exposure to many different opportunities.

5. How are your languages, including your local languages taught in school?

X What difference has the teaching of local languages made to children's attendance and achievement at school?

unknown

6. What interpreting and translating services are available in your local languages? How useful and effective are they?

In Halls Creek is the Kimberley Language Resource Centre (KLRC).

The goals of the KLRC into 2008 are:

- promoting oral language transmission e.g. Language Nests, immersion programs
- skills training/capacity building of Aboriginal people to manage their own language activities
- a strong role for Aboriginal people and communities in decision making about languages
- raising awareness in the Aboriginal community about the reasons for language loss to assist with decision making
- supporting Aboriginal language groups to account for dialects/varieties and the diversity of their languages to assist with decision making
- provide information about language learning theory to communities to assist in their decision making
- accessible grammatical resources and assisted access to existing resources
- promote better understanding in the education system about the need to account for linguistic and cultural differences in learning
- working with government departments on communication strategies
- promoting audiovisual documentation and audiovisual teaching/learning materials development as a means of Aboriginal management of language and knowledge and how it is passed on
- raising awareness of Intellectual Property issues amongst the Aboriginal community

7. What are the main difficulties facing your project?

Lack of parental (or guardian) involvement in raising their own children. Huge need limited resources.

8. What are you aiming to achieve in the future?

Continue to provide a safe environment to the young people of Halls Creek.

Engage the community more in running the activities.

Provide more and engage more in cultural appropriate activities.