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## FReeZA

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Each year over 150,000 young people attend more than 400 FReeZA events across Victoria. The program provides opportunities for young Victorians to actively participate in their communities. FReeZA also assists young musicians and emerging artists to develop skills, showcase their talent and plan their career in music, entertainment or the performing arts.

The Victorian Government has committed \$4 million over 2010–2011 to fund this youth development initiative.

### **FReeZA supports young people to organise live events**

FReeZA Committees are located in metropolitan, rural and regional Victoria and are made up of young people aged 12–25 years. Currently 78 local government and community organisations across Victoria receive funding to assist local young people to deliver the FReeZA program in 2010 and 2011.

Through these committees, young people have the chance to:

- Have a say about what type of events and cultural activities are performed in their community
- Participate in creating music events and cultural activities in their community
- Develop skills in decision making and project leadership
- Participate in their communities as volunteers
- Form close networks with local businesses, schools and other community organisations.

The program also provides important performance opportunities for young people through statewide competitions such as the FReeZA Push Start Battle of the Bands.

### **FReeZA supports young music careers**

The FReeZACentral program provides important opportunities for local young musicians and emerging artists. Participants can develop skills, showcase their talent and plan their career through:

- Attendance at free accredited workshops
- Participation in the FReeZACentral mentoring program
- Practical experience – young people who complete the Workshop and Mentoring program have an opportunity to practise their new skills by putting together a CD recording for release and assisting in the organisation of a FReeZACentral tour.

### **Getting involved**

Visit FReeZA [www.freeza.vic.gov.au](http://www.freeza.vic.gov.au) for more information about joining your local FReeZA Committee or to find out about upcoming events in your area.

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## Where to get help

- [FReeZA](#)

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