

WELCOME TO THE

UPSTART

INFORMATION PACK



**YOUTH FOOD
MOVEMENT AUSTRALIA**

"I JOINED UPSTART SESSION ONE WITH THE SYDNEY CHAPTER, MYSELF FORMING PART OF A SMALL AND VERY INVOLVED CORE TEAM WHO CARRIED THE POTATO SOCIAL FROM ITS INFANCY INTO WONDERFUL FRUITION.

DESPITE THE DEMANDS OF FULL TIME WORK, A PARTNER, FAMILY AND FRIENDS, PLANT BABIES, SLEEP, AND AN IMPENDING MOVE INTERSTATE; I FOUND MYSELF THRIVING ON THE INTENSELY ENRICHING COMMUNITY THAT IS THE INTERNAL HIVE MIND OF YFM."

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TIME COMMITMENT

The program is designed for you to be able to complete around your existing passions and commitments in life, be they work, study, job hunting, your bee-keeping obsession etc. However, the program does require time and commitment, as all rewarding things do.

It is strongly recommend that participants attend all of the core elements of the program:

- Welcome Bootcamp
- Weekly Team Meetings
- Learning Activities
- Project development night
- Debrief session

Aside from these participants will be expected to be self-directed in assigning time to work on the project.

We strongly encourage participants to make an active decision about when they will be able to work on their tasks for the program, and to communicate and update their teammates about their availabilities regularly during the session. This might mean blocking away a particular day of the week for the length of the program to work on things or meet up with people, whatever works for your working style and routine.

LOCATION

Team meetings, bootcamps and project planning nights are based close-to or in city centres or inner suburbs. Due to the strong practical element of the program, and the importance of face-to-face organising, we are not able to make the program available remotely in 2018.

Participants will need access to a smartphone, a laptop or a tablet in order to be able to participate in the online component of the program.

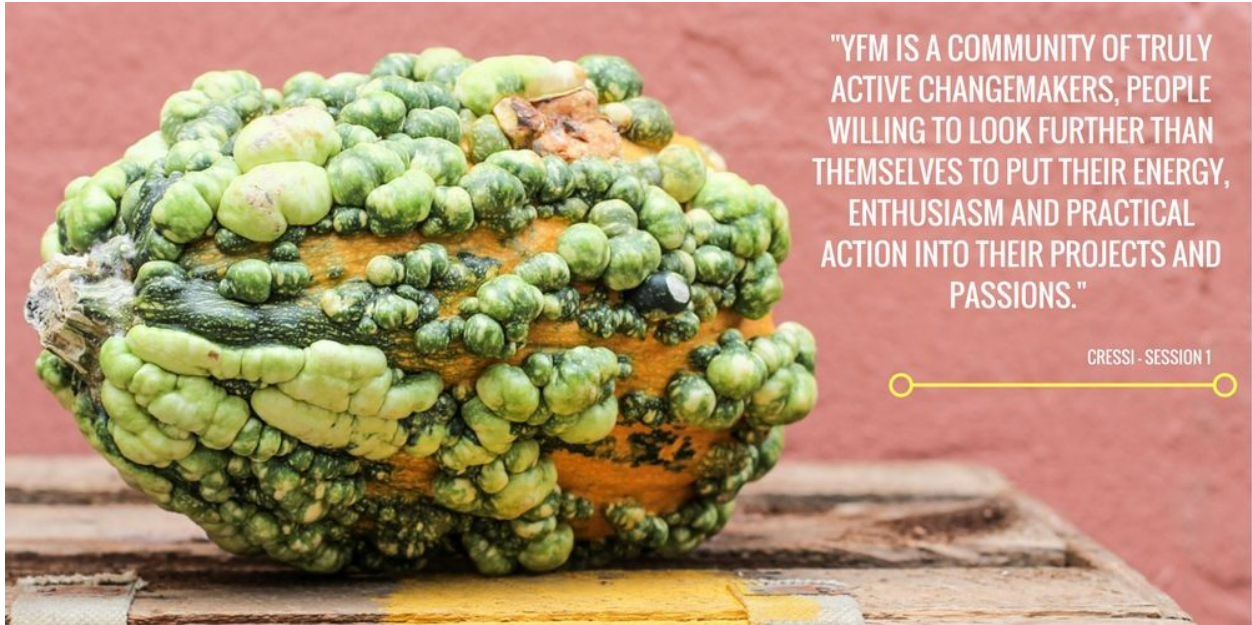
UPSTART 2018 PROGRAM CALENDAR

Upstart is delivered nationally from April 14th till August 26th with a two week break.

Applications are now open for the 2018 session of Upstart. The closing date for Western Sydney is the 22nd March.

Attendance at your local welcome bootcamp is a core part of the Upstart program. Upon application please ensure you are available on this date. If you're unable to attend all or part of your bootcamp, but still wish to apply, please let us know in the relevant section of your application.

Week	Date	Component
Week 0	21st April	Welcome Bootcamp 9am - 5pm
Week 1-3	22nd April - 12th May	Research & development Weekly meetings, topic research, group organised learning experiences, project development.
Week 4	16th May	Project planning night 5.30pm - 9pm
Week 5-14	20th May - 11th August (2 week break: June 10th - June 23rd)	Project organising & webinars Weekly meetings, webinar recordings & project organisation.
Week 15-16	12th August - 25th August	Project delivery period
Week 16	19th August - 25th August	Debrief and Networking event



FEES

For those who are accepted into the program, we will send you an acceptance email and Paypal invoice. All fees must be paid within 2 weeks of being accepted into the program. We can also arrange payment plans for those that may need it; please send an email to nellie@youthfoodmovement.org.au so we can work with you on a plan that suits.

Upstart is **valued at** over \$800 per participant, a cost which is heavily subsidised with the generous support of the Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation (National), The Bennelong Foundation (Adelaide) and the City of Sydney (Sydney).

The fees for the 2018 program are as follows:

Concession (You will be asked to provide photographic evidence of your concession upon application)	\$145
Full Fee	\$185

It's important to us that the associated fees do not pose a barrier to participation for those who require financial aid. As a result, we will be offering a small number of scholarships for those who face financial barriers to participation. Please apply as normal through the application page using the fee type 'concession' and contact us on community@youthfoodmovement.org.au, outlining a) why you'd like to participate in Upstart and b) why you need a scholarship to participate in Upstart (200 words max per question) before the application closing date for your location.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

YFM will be running a [Facebook Live Session](#) in the first week of applications being open (12th March at 6.30pm) to answer any questions you might have about the program. Tune in to [YFM's Facebook page](#) to have your questions answered live, or email them on to us in advance. The video will be accessible after in our Facebook video library.

If you'd like to chat to an Upstart graduate from 2018 to hear a little bit about what Upstart is like on the ground, we're more than happy to connect you up with someone from your local team.

Alternatively, email your questions through to community@youthfoodmovement.org.au and we'll do our darndest to answer them.

AND FINALLY...

Thank-you for your interest. We could not be more excited to see what amazing things our community of kick-arse changemakers can do in 2018!