



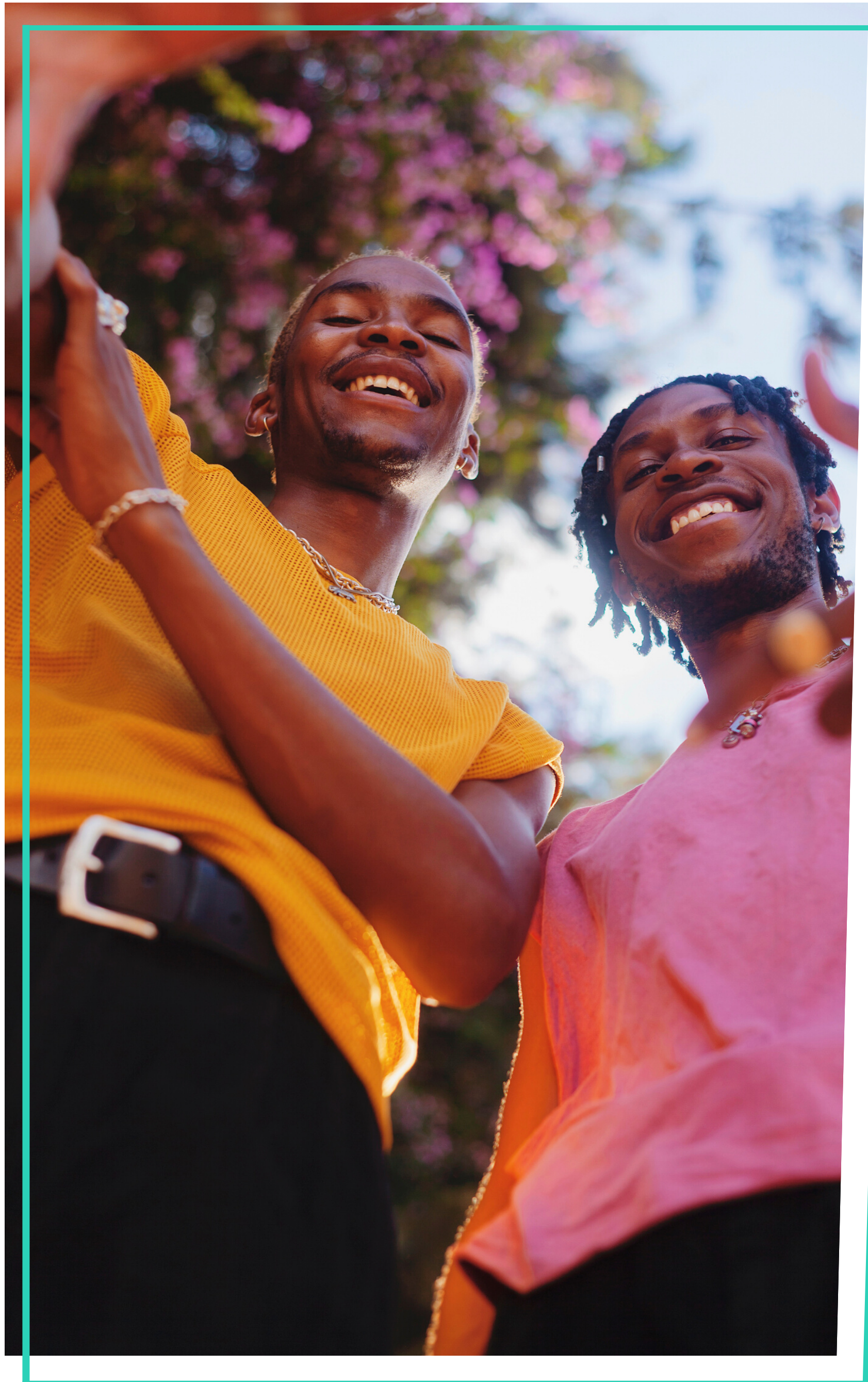
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## BACKGROUND

Youth Access delivered a conference in May 2022 to coincide with the Government's consultation period for the proposed 10-year Mental Health Plan.

The conference aimed to bring together our community of members and young people to further demonstrate the importance and need for the Our Minds Our Future programme, and the crucial role YIACS (Youth Information, Advice and Counselling Services) play in meeting that need by supporting young people in their local communities.

Taking place virtually via Zoom over three weeks, sessions were co-designed and co-delivered by Youth Access staff, young people, external facilitators, and sector colleagues.

# Community Conference

*Impact*



97%

of attendees said they felt empowered to make a change after the conference

21%

average increase of attendees reported sense of community

Members and young people left the conference feeling **"driven and positive"** and that they need to **"work together to achieve change"**

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## MEMBER FEEDBACK

**"We appreciate the strength in numbers because we are overwhelmed at the frontline and need a lot of help to keep campaigning to make things better for the community. We have all the evidence we ever need to make the case"**

**"I really valued this session and it was so important to feel connected with others and being a part of something greater whereby our voices can activate positive change"**