



Lynne Cooper, of Kalamunda Primary School, Ashley Arnold, of Matthew Gibney Catholic Primary School, Heather LeRoy of the Education Foundation and Steve Hall from Kalamunda Church of Christ.

Mad makes lots of sense

KALAMUNDA youth may soon become officially "Mad".

The R U MAD (Making A Difference) scheme, which allows young people to determine projects in which they can make a positive difference to their communities, is being introduced to the Hills area.

School, church and business representatives met in Bickley last week, to discuss how young people in the Hills can join the initiative.

Education Foundation chief executive Heather LeRoy, who has helped introduce the scheme in schools in the Wheatbelt of WA and in other States, said it offered a framework to support student-led projects.

She said past examples ranged from students devising tourism attractions to rallying against destructive change.

"A MAD Day has enormous potential to help young people to make a difference to their world," Ms LeRoy said.

Community development enterprise, Bank of Ideas is supporting the project and will help establish it in the Hills and support a Kalamunda MAD Day planned for October next year.

"I am convinced that the Kalamunda community is one of the most asset-rich communities in WA but I'm also convinced a place like Kalamunda does need to take the youth issue seriously," Bank of Ideas director Peter Kenyon said.

Bank of Ideas' Lyndsey Jackson will work with local schools interested in introducing the R U MAD curriculum framework in their schools.

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