The future of youth programs and building leadership and essential life skills in our youth will be under the spotlight at a public forum hosted by CLP Leader Terry Mills tomorrow night at St John's College, Salonika Street, The Gardens.

Keynote speaker at the public forum will be Western Australia's Shadow Minister for Youth Mike Board, the architect behind the highly successful school based Cadets program in WA.

“It is common enough to hear expressions of concern for youth but less common are programs that attract, engage and develop leadership skills in youth,” Mr Mills said.

“Tomorrow's public forum is about looking at after-school programs that can benefit our youth.

“Most of our youth programs are either sports or arts based and generally offer little or no leadership training.

“Tomorrow's public forum will be pitched at existing well respected community based youth development programs such as service cadets, St. John Ambulance cadets, Red Cross, scouts, rangers and others and how these can be enhanced as after school programs.”

The public forum is from 6.30pm to 8pm.

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