



Edna Ryan Awards

2021

Danielle Villafana

For Making a Feminist Difference in Community Activism

Danielle Villafaña is co-founder of Youth Against Sexual Violence, which is elevating the voices of young people in the national conversation about sexual violence and misogyny.

The group has also mobilised young people all across the country under the Youth Against Sexual Violence banner and coordinated synchronised school walkouts in Adelaide, Brisbane, and Perth in protest of sexual misconduct and lacklustre consent education in schools.

While the campaign for consent education reform is ongoing, Youth Against Sexual Violence have already made a huge material impact on the status of young women and survivors. Their work has inspired young survivors to share their stories, organise, and take collective action.

Their impact will only continue to grow exponentially as their movement expands on the national stage.