

Gen Y in overdrive



ASKING why ... from Jeff, prisoner legal services worker Matilda Alexander, writer Alasdair Duncan, Australian Idol's Bobby Flynn and film director Louise Alston.



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Passionate, big dreamers in danger of trying too hard

John McCarthy

GENERATION Y is overconfident, passionate, sometimes arrogant but even some of its leaders can't agree if Brisbane is safe in their hands.

At a *Courier-Mail* Our Future, Your Say forum last night, *Australian Idol* contestant Bobby Flynn said the generation's access to media had made them more aware and given them the chance to "dream big".

"It makes us very driven and passionate. It can also make us a little arrogant and less likely to explore," he said.

Young businessman Andrew Northcott, director of Labour Solutions, said the generation suffered from a lack of loyalty to employers which had been caused by strong employment.

"There has to be increased respect for our older generation so we can learn from the experience built up over the years," Mr. Northcott said.

"As workers they are very optimistic, probably too much so. But if you can harness their energy they are a huge asset." Members of an often passionate audience heard — and told — how the age-

old issue of the generation gap still existed.

Expectations from older generations were sometimes enormous, some speakers said.

A show of hands indicated that about 75 per cent of the audience thought Brisbane was safe in the hands of Gen Y. Dr Sally Breen, Griffith University lecturer and editor of the *Griffith Review*, said the generation was driven to succeed and sometimes was in danger of trying too hard.

Some of the 250-strong audience said they were often told to slow down because they were too driven.

School chaplain, and Baptist minister Tim Sweetman said the generation was passionate but willing to admit it was confused. He said what they needed was help from the older generation to focus their drive.

There was strong concern among the audience about the housing crisis, prompting Alasdair Duncan to suggest the generation was nomadic because they can't afford a house.

But Mr Northcott said he believed Gen Y was not prepared to give up the trip overseas so they could afford a house deposit.

"If we did sacrifice the niceties maybe we could afford the house," he said.

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Who does Generation Y think it is? And what does it want anyway?

Mike Colman rants

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Britney regains visitation ... again



BRITNEY Spears had regained temporary visitation rights of her sons, her lawyer said yesterday.

"Yes, she has visitation with the children," her lawyer Anne Kiley said without elaborating.

Spears last Wednesday she may not visit her two children without a parenting coach present until Jayden James, 1, yesterday in she complies with a court order.