

Conference

Working for Success

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." (Henry Ford)

What do real employment outcomes look like for young people who are refugees and new arrivals?

28th October 2011

The Centre for Multicultural Youth together with Youth Development Australia invite you to a working conference on employment of young people from refugee & newly arrived backgrounds. The conference will explore issues and find solutions to help young people get and keep a job that provides real pathways to a better life.

9.30 am – 4 pm (registrations from 9am)
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston
\$120

**Register @ www.yda.org.au
before Oct 24th**

Speakers Include:

May Lam (Jobs Australia); Janet Jukes (YDA); Michael Krafft (Acces QLD); Maria Axarlis-Coulter (Department Human Services – Centrelink); Daniel Knott (Northern College of the Arts and Technology); Cyndy Connole (United Voice); Louise Olliff (RCOA);
Valentina Smith (BSL);
Sheelagh Purdon (ASRC); Jess Moran (Scarf)

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Conference Program

9.00am – Registration (tea/coffee)

9.30am – **Welcome Address** - Janet Jukes, YDA

9.40 – **Young People’s perspectives**

9.55 - **Mapping the sector – Policies, programs and opportunities for partnerships at the Federal, State and community levels** - May Lam (Jobs Australia)

10.15 - **Opening Panel – How is the system working for everyone?**

- Learn or Earn update (DEEWR)
- Michael Krafft (ACCES QLD)
- Anne Clifford (Business Partnerships, Ucan2 program)
- Louise Olliff (Refugee Council of Australia)

Followed by panel discussion with young people and all presenters.

11.30am – Morning Tea

11.45am – **From the System to Reality – Break Out Groups**
(Panel / facilitated discussion)

Real pathways not dead ends

Facilitator: Terry Kennedy,
DEEWR
Steve Kennedy, Apprenticeship
Group Australia; Margot
Hennessy, AMES; Rob Vague,
Victoria University; Rebecca
Halit, Jesuit Community College

Alternative employment support programs

Facilitator: Jo Tabit, BSL
Sheelagh Purdon, Asylum
Seeker Resource Centre;
Valentina Smith, Given the
Chance (BSL); Cyndi Connole,
United Voice; Jess Moran,
Scarf.

Local solutions

Facilitator: Maria Axarlis-Coulter,
DHS/Centrelink
Nicky Leitch, Hume Whittlesea
LLEN; Stuart Gillespie, Mooney
Valley City Council; Daniel Knott,
Ntec@Northern College of the
Arts and Technology.

1.00pm – Lunch

1.45pm - **Launch of YACVic’s report: Swimming Upstream: Young People and Service Provision under Job Services Australia.**

2pm – **Reports on morning sessions: sharing of good models**

2.30pm – **Break Out Groups – Building our own models**

Mixed sector groups – Chair: Carmel Guerra, CMY

Using the mapping exercise, answer the following questions:

- Who are the newly arrived groups in our region?
- What are the barriers to employment they encounter?
- Who needs to be involved to support them?
- What should we do differently?
- What next? What is the first step we need to take?

3.30pm – **Feedback from Break Out Groups**

4.00pm - **Closing remarks and afternoon tea**