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Welcome to this months E-Bulletin!

- If you would like to become a HWLLEN member and/or would like to place information in our monthly E-Bulletin, please contact Hulya at the Hume Whittlesea LLEN Office. **ThankYou!**

Who's Who in Career Advice and Transition Support in 2008 (State and Federal Programs)

As those of you who have been working in the post-compulsory career advice/transition support areas know, there are a number of players operating in these very important areas. As well as Hume Whittlesea LLEN, you may well have contact with one or more of the following organisations/individuals that are also active across the northern suburbs in Hume and Whittlesea:

Careers Advice Australia (CAA)

Careers Advice Australia (or the CAA) is an initiative of the Australian Government. It is a national career development and transition support system for all young people aged 13 to 19 years.

The CAA has several key components, including;

- LCPs (Local Community Partnerships)
- RICAs (Regional Industry Career Advisors)
- NICS (National Industry Career Specialists)
- Youth Pathways providers
- The Career Education Lighthouse Schools Project
- And a range of professional development programmes to support career development practitioners

More information can be obtained from:

www.australia.gov/careeradviceaustralia



Regional Industry Career Advisers

The RICA Network work in partnership with LCPs to engage schools, local business/industry and community groups to ensure that all young people have access to expert industry career advice.

RICAs:

- provide quality, relevant industry career information, advice and resources, particularly in skill needs areas with local and regional businesses to promote an awareness to the community of the skill needs in their sectors
- raise awareness and use of the employability skills in partnership with LCPs
- facilitate employer participation in Adopt A School projects, Structured Workplace Learning placements and Australian School Based Apprenticeships
- promote industry involvement in vocational education and VET in school delivery

Transition Support Workers

The State Government has funded 2 Transition Support Workers in Hume/Whittlesea from 2007 to 2010. These Workers operate on a case management model with young people aged 15 to 19 years who have not completed Yr 12 and have been disengaged from education, training or employment for at least 6 months.

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LCPs (Local Community Partnerships)

Local Community Partnerships or LCPs are incorporated not-for-profit organisations funded by the Australian Government. They are a part of the Career Advice Australia initiative to establish a comprehensive national career and transition support system for all Australians aged from 13 to 19 years. LCPs facilitate and provide support for career and transition programmes and initiatives; Structured Workplace Learning; and joint projects between schools and industry/employers (the 'Adopt a School programme').

Career Connections LCP delivers services across the Northern Suburbs of Melbourne, covering four LCP regions: Hume City, Whittlesea/Nillumbik, Moreland City and Darebin.

Youth Pathways Providers

Youth Pathways helps those young people who are most at risk of not making a successful transition through school, and from school to further education, training, employment and active participation in the community.

Youth Pathways seeks to reduce the number of early school leavers who do not enter into further education, training or employment within one year of leaving school.

Youth Pathways achieves this by conducting individual assessments to identify particular challenges young people are facing. A transition plan is then developed, tailored to a young person's individual needs and aimed at helping them to address their obstacles. The plan outlines actions that will help to overcome these challenges. It is constantly updated to help the young person as they progress.



Whittlesea Youth Commitment Celebrating 10 Years

The Whittlesea Youth Commitment (WYC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2008 and is conducting a series of events throughout 2008 to commemorate this achievement.

Some events coming up later in the year include:

- Principals' Forum, July 30th
- WYC Community Team. *10years on* Forum, Aug 21st
- Celebrating Youth Achievements, September 12th
- Spirit of Co-operation Agreement Re-signing event, October 30th

Further information regarding these events will be available in the next E-Bulletin.

Leading Youth to Employment

Leading Youth to Employment, an information evening for parents of school-aged youth, was held Thursday, May 8th at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, South Morang.

The event featured John Francis, Director Economic Development City of Whittlesea, who provided an overview of future job growth in Melbourne's northern suburbs. Andrew Sansome, Youth Ambassador from GM Holden, and Peter Elovaris, Northern Apprenticeships Mobile Information Service, both spoke about their individual transition experiences and employment pathways.

Representatives from local organisations, businesses and support services were available for informal consultation with parents and students throughout the evening.

A number of representatives also provided information sessions including Jack Intziadis from Centrelink, Diane de Kretser from Origin Training Solutions P/L, Christine Williams from St George Bank, and Transition Broker Supervisor, Melanie Hanlan, spoke about transition support available for school leavers.

Community Team

The next WYC Community Team meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Thursday, June 19
Time: 4pm – 5.30pm
Venue: City of Whittlesea Civic Centre
Address: Ferres Boulevard, South Morang
in Council Chambers.

For further information, please contact:

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We would like to thank the following organisations for their support and for giving their time so generously:

- * NMIT – Youth Pathways
- * NMIT
- * Kangan Batman TAFE
- * RMIT University
- * Continental Pty Ltd
- * Centrelink
- * Sarina Russo Job Access
- * Employment Focus
- * Apprenticeships Plus
- * Northstar Specialist Employment Services
- * The NEPS Centre
- * WISE Employment
- * City of Whittlesea
- * Whittlesea Community Legal Service
- * Whittlesea Community Connection
- * Youth Services – City of Whittlesea
- * Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries
- * Career Connections – LCP
- * Australian Industry Group
- * Origin Training Solutions P/L
- * Northern Apprenticeships Mobile Information Service
- * St George Bank



Whittlesea VCAL Cluster Group

Whittlesea VCAL Cluster Group last met April 16th. At this meeting, the members identified the need to provide further assistance to teachers who are new to VCAL in the form of an induction process.

It was decided that the cluster could create a resource pool consisting of a number of different programs that could be available for use by VCAL staff, and to develop an induction manual comprising of useful ideas, important dates and responses to commonly asked questions.

Preparation for the induction manual and pooling of resources will be the focus for the next meeting scheduled for:

Date: May 28th from 9.30am – 11.30am
Venue: RMIT Bundoora West Campus
Address:

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Whittlesea SRC Cluster Group

The Whittlesea SRC Cluster group meeting held April 24 was attended by 30 students from five secondary schools.

Roger Holdsworth from the Australian Youth Research Centre, University of Melbourne, facilitated the meeting, and inspired the students to reflect on the purpose of the SRC in their schools and to consider their role as student representatives.

Roger, who also produces the **Connect** newsletter, a bi-monthly publication which aims to document student participation approaches and initiatives, and develop and share resources for student action groups, challenged the students to analyse and evaluate the different approaches of running SRCs in schools. Each school group was asked to nominate a student representative to assist with the planning and organising of future Whittlesea SRC Cluster meetings.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held:

Date: Monday, June 16th from 9.30 – 12.00
Venue: Kildonan UnitingCare,
Address: McDonalds Road EPPING

For further information, please contact Kim Stadtmiller by email kim.stadtmiller@rmit.edu.au or 9925 7491

Finding MY Place Program

Students from Lalor North, Epping and Thomastown Secondary Colleges continue to enjoy the Finding MY Place program.

In the first three sessions, students experienced the art and techniques of Taekwondo, explored the possibilities of digital storytelling, and were inspired by other young peoples' life stories.

The next phase of workshops focus on employability skills and include an industry visit to Mushroom Exchange at Mernda, and advice from local job network providers and apprenticeship groups about resume writing, interview skills and traineeship options.



Hume Youth Commitment - Successful, Strategic, Transitions

The first meetings of the specialised teams of the Hume Youth Commitment are starting to take place and are as follows:

Skills & Pathways Team (Industry & Education Links)

Second meeting:

Date: Tuesday, 3rd June 2008
Time: 1 – 3pm
Venue: Kangan Batman TAFE
Address: Broadmeadows Campus – Council Room 1
RSVP's: Frank Hardy on 9094 3011 or
fhardy@kangan.edu.au

Led by Frank Hardy – Career Connections LCP and Zina Miceli – Regional Industry Career Adviser, over 20 people attended the first meeting of this team on Tuesday, 13th May. This appears to be a very dynamic group who are keen to get going on several suggested projects. A second meeting has been scheduled to determine which projects will become a priority for the group for the rest of 2008.

Suggested projects include:

- Hume Employment Opportunities Fair – July/August
- Workshop for Industry re Australian School Based Apprenticeships – September
- Industry Specific Forums – (e.g. Manufacturing)
- Leading Youth to Employment – October, 16th (follow up to Employment Opportunity Fair and Careers Expo's in the north and Sunbury)
- Expand/develop mentoring programs for young people in Industry
- Develop a diversity of information

Out of School Options Team (early school leavers)

First meeting:

Date: Monday, 2nd June
Time: 1 - 3pm
Venue: HWLLEN Office
Address: Cnr Cavendish Street & Dimboola Road,
Broadmeadows

RSVP's: Michelle Hall, The Salvation Army Crossroads - Youth Transition Support Initiative
Ph: 9353 1012 or email
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Lunch is available from 12.30pm onwards.

Transition Team (school based team)

First meeting:

Date: Thursday, 12th June 2008
Time: 1 – 3pm
Venue: Youth Projects Inc
Address: 6 Hartington St, Glenroy
(Parking in surrounding streets)

RSVP's

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Lunch is available from 12.30pm

All interested parties are welcome to attend any of the meetings.

Community Team

The broader Community Team will also have its first meeting in the last 2 weeks of July, after the 3 specialised teams have met. Feedback from the smaller teams will be discussed along with alignment with the different strategic planning groups in Hume.

If people would like further information on the Hume Youth Commitment or to nominate for a specialised team please contact:

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A Great Opportunity for Local Youth

TAG Systems – FREE use of their facilities

Following on from the success of the Vic Roads *Keys Please* workshop for professionals TAG systems have very generously offered the use of their facilities FREE of charge....

Anthony Walsh – General Manager of TAG Systems in Campbellfield has already held one Open Day for professionals to check out the TAG facilities and there are several more taking place.

In short, Tag Systems has developed a world first patented driver simulator where you actually drive a real car, with real acceleration, real steering and real braking inside a virtual world in (100% total safety). Mercedes Benz have also inspected TAG's simulator and agree it is a fantastic, effective tool in driver education, so much so that they have supplied TAG with their pride of the fleet in "green", "economical" and "safe cars"... the Smart Car to be the vehicle used on the system.

While TAG do not intend the simulator to become part of the *Keys Please* program they are allowing participants to use the simulator afterwards if so desired.

TAG can cater for any size meeting, whether it is a small workshop or for a large group in their grandstand that will seat 400 people in front of large projector screens for power point presentations.

TAG Systems have also extended this offer to any local youth programs who might like to include a visit to TAG as part of their recreational programs as an incentive for young people to become more involved, learn to drive safely, etc.

To fully explain what Tag Systems has to offer, the HWLLEN in conjunction with TAG Systems and HCC Youth Services in Craigieburn are inviting you to attend the next session of the HCC Craigieburn Girl's Group to see this program in action.

When: Monday 2nd June 2008

Time: 3.15 – 4.30 is *Keys Please*, followed by a basic mechanics course and then a drive in TAG's simulator...

Where: TAG Systems - 20 Ainslie Rd, Campbellfield ph: 9305 1122

If you are unavailable on this date the HWLLEN will be arranging one more Open Day for professionals to experience TAG's simulator.

Please contact Nicky Leitch at the HWLLEN on 9309 7444 or 0438 522 163 or email: nicky.l@hwllen.com.au for more info.

Anthony is also happy to discuss your requirements directly and can be contacted on 03 9305 1122 or 0409 995244 or via email: anthonywalsh@tagsystems.com.au

Sunbury/Gisborne Careers and Employment Expo

Tuesday 22nd July 2008
Memorial Hall,
Barkly St, Sunbury

The expo presents young people and their parents with the opportunity to speak to:

- Employment Agencies
- Industry Associations
- University, TAFE & Private Providers

This free EXPO provides an invaluable opportunity to assist young people with their future pathways.

It is proudly presented by the Careers/Pathways staff at Sunbury, Gisborne, Salesian & Sunbury Downs Colleges.



MENTORING NEWS

The Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance – important changes to the Northern Youth Mentoring HUB.

Following consultation with practice hub participants across Melbourne, the VYMA has decided to combine the North, South, East and West hubs. The Practice Based Network was established in 2006 by the Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance (VYMA) for youth mentoring programs to share ideas and discuss solutions to operational issues. In 2007 the network separated into 4 hubs operating through the LLENS in the North, South East and West of Metropolitan Melbourne.

This new structure will ensure more opportunities for networking with a greater number of mentoring coordinators across Melbourne. The combined network will:

- respond to the needs and interests of people who attend on the day
- use a flexible format, including small group work, to ensure maximum sharing opportunities
- take advantage of guest speakers if requested

2008 Practice Network Meetings

Where: Darebin Arts Centre,
Cnr Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston

When: 3-5pm on 28th August and 27th November 2008

RSVP: To Sarah Johnson at s.johnson@goodshepvic.org.au.

Grant Writing Workshop

Don't forget the FREE Grant Writing Workshop

When: Wednesday 4th June 2008.

Time: 10am – 2pm (lunch provided)

Venue: Victorian Archives Centre 99 Shiel St, North Melbourne

RSVP to Sarah Johnson on 8412 7355 or email above.

Bring: Your program outline, annual report and other documentation that explains who you are, what you do and why you do it. These will help you get the most out of the day!

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