



**Youth Employment, Engagement, Transitions Funded Programs  
State and Federal Government  
May 2017**



Please see a list of programs that are state and federally funded, and operate in the youth space. Not all of them are currently available, and not all are available in all parts of the state. The list is not exhaustive, but gives a good overview of programs, excluding those that are local Government or organisational initiatives.

| <b>State Funded Programs</b>               |  |   |                               |                 |
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| <b>Education and Engagement</b>            |  | <b>Provider and Contact Details</b>   | <b>Contract Duration</b>      | <b>LGA</b>      |
| <b>LLEN Contract</b>                       | Each LLEN creates strategic, sustainable, partnerships that improve education and transition outcomes for young people, including increasing Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates. LLENs use their knowledge of the region to influence strategic planning and broker partnerships among key stakeholders to support young people to remain engaged, or re-engage, in education or training. | <b>Hume Whittlesea LLEN</b><br><br><b>Whittlesea</b><br>Kim Stadtmiller /<br>Helen Mecozzi<br>Ph: 9408 5499<br><b>Hume</b><br>Nicky Leitch/<br>Jenny Bazzano<br>Ph: 9309 5500 | Current – until December 2019 | Hume Whittlesea |
| <b>Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)</b> | The SWL program is delivered across Victoria by the LLEN Network. Each LLEN is responsible for developing a range of work placement opportunities for vulnerable young people, undertaking their senior secondary certificate. The program will be supported by a state wide portal, which will list placement opportunities.  | <b>Hume Whittlesea LLEN</b><br><br><b>Whittlesea</b><br>Sophia Pappas<br>Ph: 9408 5499<br><b>Hume</b><br>Sara Waylen<br>Ph: 9309 5500   | Current – until December 2017 | Hume Whittlesea |

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| <b>Springboard</b>                    | An intensive support service for young people transitioning from residential out-of-home care who are not engaged in education, training or employment has been established in Victoria. The Springboard program assists young people aged 16-21 on Victorian Custody or Guardianship orders who are in residential out-of-home care, or who have recently left care. Springboard is provided by community-based organisations that have specialist skills supporting young people with education, training and/or employment.  | <b>Melbourne Citymission</b><br>Adam Densley<br>Ph: 8486 2159<br>ADensley@mcm.org.au   |  | Whittlesea |
| <b>School Focussed Youth Services</b> | Through School Focussed Youth Services (SFYS), schools and community organisations work together to provide support to vulnerable and at-risk young people aged 10-18 years who are attending school to remain (or become) positively engaged in their education.<br>This will be achieved by SFYS providers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creating partnerships and pathways between schools and community organisations to support at-risk young people.</li> <li>• Coordinating the provision of community-based services in partnership with schools and community agencies to support schools to address the needs of at-risk young people.</li> </ul>   | <b>Kildonan UnitingCare</b><br>Rachael Scoble<br>Ph: 8401 0100   |  | Whittlesea |
| <b>Reconnect/ REAL</b>                | <b>Reconnect</b> provides intensive support to young people who have disengaged from education to get them into vocational education and training by offering wrap around support, including pathways planning, to ensure that they engage in training that suits their aspirations and then are supported to move forward into further training or employment.<br><b>Reconnect</b> works with young people 15 - 24 years of age who have not been in F/T work for a year, as well as early school leavers. The aim of the program is to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pathways planning</li> <li>• facilitation of access to pre-accredited and accredited training</li> <li>• wrap around support during study</li> </ul> | <b>Brotherhood of St Laurence</b><br>Josh Badenoch<br>Programs Manager – Settlement, Youth & Families<br>Epping Community Services Hub, 713 High St, Epping<br>T: <b>9422 5619 or 9422-5650</b> (reception)<br>E: <a href="mailto:jbadenoch@bsl.org.au">jbadenoch@bsl.org.au</a> |  | Whittlesea |
| <b>Lookout</b>                        | LOOKOUT Education Support Centre staff will advocate and support al children and young people in out-of-home care within the education system.<br><br>Centres will work in partnership with schools to enrol young people, monitor and evaluate educational progress, set targets, and co-ordinate resources and  | <b>Department of Education and Training.</b><br>Currently operating in Victoria’s South West region. Commencing in all   |  |            |

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|                                     | activities to support the child's education at school and at home. This will lead to improvements in school attendance, engagement and achievement.   | 4 regions in 2017.   |  |                             |
| <b>Navigator</b>                    | <p>Navigator will be a hands-on, proactive service delivered by schools and community agencies. Services will be established across the state, each tailored to its local community.</p> <p>Providers will be responsible for improving outcomes for young people.</p> <p>Providers will be responsible for improving outcomes for young people, linking them to support services and interventions, and supporting them to re-engage with education and training.</p> <p>Through regular contact, providers will track and monitor young people, report on outcomes, identify gaps in local services and support planning to address these gaps.</p> | 8 pilot areas across Victoria  |  | Hume; but not in Whittlesea |
| <b>Employment</b>                   |   |  |  |                             |
| <b>Workforce Development Centre</b> | <p>The Centre has trained staff who can guide you through the job search and retraining process. The Centre is not a recruitment agency or an employer, but it is great starting point for help and referral to other services.</p> <p>It is a friendly place with private work stations for you to use, including computers to access online resources and tools, and spaces to meet with local employers.</p> <p>These centres are now located in Geelong (Gordon Institute, Dandenong (Chisholm Institute) and Broadmeadows.</p>   | <p><b>Kangan Institute</b><br/>Wendy Schwedes<br/>Ph: 9094 3080</p>  |  | Hume / Whittlesea           |
| <b>Skills and Job Centres</b>       | <p>Located on TAFE facilities, centres will link jobseekers and employers to ensure they're engaged in quality training that will lead to a job at the end of their course.</p> <p>TAFEs will be the key hubs for the Skills and Jobs Centres, ensuring that each of the centres is tailored to meet the needs of its local community and industries.</p> <p>The centres will allow TAFEs to build on their already strong links and</p>  | <p><b>Melbourne Polytechnic</b><br/>Westfield Shopping Centre<br/>South Morang<br/>Ph: 92691937</p> <p><b>RMIT University</b><br/>Bldg 70, Level 1<br/>39-43 Cardigan Street</p> |  | Whittlesea                  |

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|  | partnerships with local industries and employers.  | Carlton<br>Ph: 9925 2552   |  |                   |
| <b>Gambler's Help</b>                          | Gambler's Help North & North Western provides a range of services and advice for people experiencing issues with gambling. You can access free counselling, information about financial issues or you can just talk to someone who has had similar experiences. There are no waiting lists for appointments. All of our services are free and confidential.  | Anna Maio<br>Ph: 9450 2080   |  | Whittlesea        |
| <b>Federal Programs</b>                        |  |  |  |                   |
| <b>Empowering YOUth Initiative</b>             | Empowering YOUth Initiatives will support new, innovative approaches from not-for-profit and non-government organisations to help young people who are identified to be long-term unemployed or who are at risk of long-term unemployment overcome their barriers and move into work and sustain employment.   | <b>headspace Greensborough</b><br>Liz Wyndham<br>Lvl 1, Suite 5, Main Street<br>Greensborough<br>Ph: 9433 7200<br><br><b>Workforce Plus - Hume</b><br>Simon Scrase<br>0417 017 424 |  | Whittlesea        |
| <b>Transition to Work</b>                      | The Transition to Work service will provide intensive, pre-employment support to improve the work-readiness of young people to help them into work. (including apprenticeships and traineeships) or education. The service will have a strong focus on helping young people to understand what is expected in the workplace and to develop the skills, attitudes and behaviours expected by employers.   | <b>The Salvation Army Employment Plus.</b><br>Emma Patane<br>Ph: 136 123   |  | Whittlesea        |
| <b>Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN)</b> | The Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN) provides funding for services that help unemployed Victorians to get on-going work.<br>The JVEN program provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Efficient matching process</li> <li>· A list of suitable job seekers</li> <li>· Connection of staff with and organise appropriate training</li> <li>· Information and follow-up support to employers</li> <li>· Significant pre and post-placement mentoring</li> </ul> | <b>NORTH Link</b><br>Mike Iaccarino<br><a href="mailto:m.iaccarino@latrobe.edu.au">m.iaccarino@latrobe.edu.au</a><br>T: 9479-5695.   |  | Whittlesea / Hume |

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| <p><b>jobactive</b></p>                        | <p>jobactive is the Australian Government’s way to get more Australians to work. It connects job seekers with employers and is delivered by a network of jobactive in over 1700 locations across Australia.</p> <p>Employers can use a local jobactive provider for tailored recruitment services, at no cost to their business. jobactive providers work closely with employers to understand their recruitment needs.</p> <p>Job seekers can get help from a jobactive provider to get and keep a job. jobactive providers have the flexibility to tailor their services to a job seekers’s assessed needs.</p> <p>If you have recently been made redundant from your job, there is also information available on support to help you.</p> <p>jobactive providers have a strong understanding of local labour markets. They know where the jobs are, what to do to help job seekers</p> | <p><b>AMES Employment</b><br/>Ph: 8535 9680</p> <p><b>Job Prospects</b><br/>Ph: 8401 4801</p> <p><b>Sarina Russo Job Access</b><br/>Ph: 8405 9500</p> <p><b>Employment Services Group</b><br/>Ph: 1300658 414</p> <p><b>MatchWorks</b><br/>Ph: 8405 3433</p> <p><b>The Salvation Army Employment Plus</b><br/>Ph: 13 61 23</p> |  | <p>Whittlesea</p> |
| <p><b>DES – Employment Support Service</b></p> | <p>Through Disability Employment Services, job seeks with disability, injury or health condition may be able to receive assistance to prepare for, find and keep a job.</p> <p>Disability Employment Services providers are a mix of large, medium and small, for-profit and not-for-profit organisations that are experienced in supporting job seekers with disability and experienced helping businesses to put in place practices that support the employee in the workplace.</p> <p>Employment Support Service providers assistance to people with permanent disability and who need regular, ongoing support to keep a job,</p>   | <p><b>NorthStar Specialist Employment Services</b><br/>Epping<br/>Ph: 9408 5299</p> <p><b>Job Prospects</b><br/>Epping<br/>8401 4801</p> <p><b>Matchworks</b><br/>Epping<br/>8405 3433</p> <p><b>Wise Employment Mill Park</b><br/>Ph: 8481 3500</p> <p><b>Whittlesea</b><br/>Ph: 8481 3500</p>                                |  | <p>Whittlesea</p> |

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| <b>Transition Support for Young Refugees and other Vulnerable Migrants</b> | <p>The programme will improve workplace readiness, provide access to vocational opportunities, and create strong social connections through education and sports engagement.</p> <p>Service providers will deliver a range of projects and activities for participants such as after-school homework clubs, connecting with local employment services and jobs, and vocational or other further education opportunities.</p> <p>The pilot is being rolled out from 1 January 2016 for 18 months by six service providers by six service providers in 10 locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Victoria, Foundation House will deliver the programme in Greater Dandenong and Casey (Ucan2 program), and the Brotherhood of St Laurence will service the Hume area.</li> </ul>   | <b>Brotherhood of St Laurence</b><br>Hume   |  |            |
| <b>Department of Human Services</b>  | The Department of Human Services provides easy, high quality services to people at different stages of their lives through Medicare, Centrelink and Child support programs.  | <b>DHS Epping Service Centre</b><br>Shop 10, 560 High Street,<br>Epping   |  | Whittlesea |
| <b>Australian Apprenticeship Support Network</b>                           | <p>Apprenticeship Network providers will provide advice and support services tailored to the needs of employers and apprentices throughout the apprenticeship lifecycle – from pre-commencement to completion - through:</p> <p><b>Universal services</b> for all employers and apprentices, providing essential administrative support, payment processing and regular contact; and <b>Targeted services</b> for employers and individuals assessed as needing additional support to complete the apprenticeship.</p> <p>New pre-commencement services including screening, testing and job-matching will be available to targeted clients to get the right apprentice in the right apprenticeship with the right employer.</p> <p>New targeted in-training support services, such as mentoring, will help apprentices and employers at-risk of not completing the apprenticeship</p> | <p><b>MAS National Ltd</b><br/>1300 627 628</p> <p><b>Heidelberg Training and Resource Centre Inc (Apprenticeships Matter)</b><br/>1800 005 355</p> <p><b>MEGT (Australia) Ltd</b><br/>136 348</p> <p><b>Sarina Russo Job Access (Australia) Pty Ltd</b><br/>1300 178 776</p> |  | Whittlesea |

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|                             | <p>arrangement to work through issues and difficulties.</p> <p>Apprenticeship Network providers can also provide assistance to individuals who may be unsuited to an apprenticeship to identify alternative training pathways.</p>  |  |  |  |
| <b>Work for the dole</b>    | <p>Eligible job seekers registered with a jobactive provider will need to participate in Work for the Dole or another approved activity for six months each year to keep receiving their income support if they have mutual obligation requirements.</p> <p>Work for the Dole activities can be hosted by not-for-profit organisations and government agencies. The programme gives organisations an extra set of hands to help to undertake activities that would not normally be done. Work for the Dole Coordinators work with host organisations to identify suitable activities.</p> <p>Work for the Dole can help job seekers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop the skills that employers want</li> <li>• Show they are ready to start work</li> <li>• Meet new people and make contacts who can be a referee</li> <li>• Get involved in their local community</li> </ul> |  |  |  |
| <b>Job Commitment Bonus</b> | <p>The Job Commitment Bonus for young Australians is a payment to encourage long-term unemployed young Australians to find a job, keep it and stay off welfare. The payments are conditional on retaining work for an extended period, providing an incentive for those who find a job to stay employed. Incentives target those aged between 18 and 30.</p>  |  |  |  |