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Whittlesea Youth Mentoring Career Pathways Program

A pathway to employment for local young people



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Summary

The Youth Mentoring Career Pathways (YMCP) program brokers relationships between marginalised young people and mentors within the local community.

These relationships provide young people that are unemployed or under-employed with an opportunity to develop professional networks, new skills and hands-on experience to help kick start their career path.

Young people can choose to participate in the following opportunities:

- Mentor program for a minimum 9 months
- Skill building workshops

Since 2017 the YMCP program has supported over **200 young people** with their employment and education goals.

Outcomes from the program include **70%** of young people gaining employment during or post program (3 year evaluation – 2020).





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Opportunities for young people

Would you like to develop your skills, experience and confidence to find the right job or career path?

The Youth Mentoring Career Pathways (YMCP) program offers the opportunity to kick start your career through a Mentor Program and Skill Building Workshops.

Mentor Program

Young people are carefully matched with a volunteer Mentor from a professional background. Mentors provide individual support and guidance with career pathway planning for up to nine months.

Mentors can assist with:

- Resume writing
- Looking for jobs
- Preparing for interviews
- Goal setting
- Practicing English
- Education and Career pathways
- Expanding your networks

Our latest survey of young participants identified 89% had “made a lot of progress and achieved set goals”.

“I enjoyed discussing different methods that can help me to achieve my dream career in the future.”

“Knowing that they were very supportive and I was able to talk about any work situation.”

Skill building workshops

Workshops are a great way to expand your knowledge, connect with other young people and mentors to learn new skills that support you personally and professionally.

We run workshops **online** and **in person** and cover a range of topics including:

- Job readiness and preparing for work
- Career and life coaching to reach your goals
- Discovering your passion and purpose
- Self-care for wellbeing and building resilience

Who can join?

To join the YMCP program you must:

- Be 16-24 years old
- Be connected to Whittlesea (live, study, socialise etc.)
- Be currently unemployed or under-employed

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