

HWLLEN Programs and Events: How you can support young people in Hume & Whittlesea

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) program helps school students secure work placements and on-the-job training as part of their Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications. The HWLLEN Structured Workplace Learning program:

- facilitates access to appropriate SWL placements for students undertaking VET as part of their VCE, VCAL & SBATs;
- facilitates engagement between schools & employers to work directly with employers;
- liaises with employers and maintains information on the online portal to ensure it is current and meaningful;
- identifies local needs and industry priorities for appropriate SWL placements.

Real Industry Job Interview (RIJI) is a work readiness program that assists students in developing good job search, resume writing and interview skills. This program is strongly supported by our local schools and the northern metropolitan business community. It draws on valuable recruitment skills and expertise of industry representatives who are enthusiastic about helping young people prepare for the world of work.



'A great event! Students loved the experience!! It was well organised and does create opportunities for young people.'

Vocational Education Awards are designed to raise the profile of vocational pathways and recognise achievements of young people in the three categories of VET, VCAL and SBATs. Industry representatives are also recognised for their assistance with hosting students as part of the SWL program and/or for their consistent involvement in skills and employment preparation programs supporting young people.

'Over the years, this event has been highly regarded and well attended by the families, teachers and employer hosts of the student award nominees.'

Career Networking for Young People brings together young people with representatives from education, employment and service providers to gain timely access to relevant and individualised information regarding further study, apprenticeships, traineeships (including SBATs) and employment options. Focused workshops on developing networking skills are facilitated to enrich the student experience as they actively engage in meaningful discussions about their pathway opportunities.

'Our students are still talking about and using information they collected, and some just benefited from being there, and using the contacts we made. (Teacher)'

Invigor8ing Education is a supported, practical engagement program for Year 8 students with interactive participation in the areas of Community work and Trades. Youth workers actively support the students throughout the program and provide regular communication with the school and families on the progress made by the students as they engage in a variety of learning experiences in real-life settings.

'The young people were able to move around the work-stations learning new skills and building on their communication and interpersonal skills and were able to maintain 100% attendance, despite having low school attendance.'

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How can I be an active member of the HWLLEN?

- Become a signatory to the Hume and/or Whittlesea Youth Commitments and join our emailing list.
- Contact our Structured Workplace Learning Team and become a host employer for a local student studying VET and/or VCAL.
- Participate in our events such as Career Networking for Young People, Real Industry Job Interviews, Vocational Education Awards, School Industry Tours.
- Register as a guest speaker to inspire students about your industry and profession.
- Share stories about your pathway and aspirations via our many programs or online presentations.
- Attend Community Team/Tangible Connection meetings.
- Talk to us about partnering with other organisations to provide support programs.
- List your organisation in and / or sponsor our School Leavers' Guides.
- Offer work experience / work placements or SBATs for young people.
- Invite school students to visit your workplace.
- Provide access to school careers practitioners to learn more about your industry.
- Present at careers seminars.
- Become a mentor.
- Assist with employability skills workshops.
- Post vacancies for apprenticeships / traineeships and employment with the HWLLEN.

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Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN) is a not-for-profit, membership-based organisation that creates strategic, sustainable partnerships that improve education and transition outcomes for young people, including increasing Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates.

HWLLEN is one of 31 Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs) operating across the state since 2001 and receives funding from the State Government. Each LLEN is an incorporated association, and the HWLLEN is governed by an elected Board with members representative of the education, training, industry and community sectors.

Hume and Whittlesea Youth Commitments are the vehicles through which HWLLEN delivers place-based approaches to respond to our key objectives

Benefits to the community

The core role of the HWLLEN is the creation and development of sustainable relationships, partnerships and brokerage of initiatives with and across local schools, education providers, industry and community. These partnerships have the purpose of supporting the wellbeing, education, training and employment outcomes for young people across the Cities of Hume and Whittlesea in the northern metropolitan region of Melbourne.

The HWLLEN aims to:

- improve the education, training and employment outcomes of young people
- add value to the public and private investment in education
- facilitate and support a range of activities and initiatives
- develop partnerships and collaborates with and across stakeholders to provide better pathways and support for young people
- connect key stakeholders to identify the needs of their region
- help partners to work collaboratively towards a common purpose
- harness community resources and act as a portal for accessing and disseminating information
- undertake local strategic planning
- provide local advice on statewide policy and program issues
- serve as an active platform for joining government initiatives with local education and training systems.

HWLLEN improves outcomes for Young People in Hume and Whittlesea

Th HWLLEN achieves these aims by:

- operating programs such as Structured Workplace Learning and Invigor8ing Education to support student engagement and promote vocational pathways
- supporting the local Careers, VET, VCAL and SBAT networks
- facilitating events and projects which build connections between TAFEs, Universities, Apprenticeship/Traineeship groups, employers and young people in our local community.
- arranging guest speakers in schools and industry tours for school communities
- hosting forums with a focus on health and well-being, vocational education and future employment.

Our Vision:

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Our Values:

- Advocacy – advocating to stakeholders to optimise opportunities
- Innovation – exploring new opportunities and acting on better ways of working together
- People-centred – everything we do is based on listening to individuals' needs
- Respect – treating all people with fairness, empathy and equity
- Integrity – acting with honesty, independence, accountability and trust
- Engagement – encouraging and supporting participation of all stakeholders
- Collaboration – working together for common goals.

Our Mission:

- Supporting young people in their career & pathway development
- Creating and strengthening connections between young people, education and service providers, industry partners, community agencies and all levels of Government
- Raising young people's aspirations and broadening their scope of opportunities and choices
- Prioritising our focus on young people who are experiencing vulnerability and disadvantage.

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Hume and Whittlesea Youth Commitments

The Youth Commitments in both Hume and Whittlesea engage with key stakeholders in partnerships that harness resources and build social capital to support young people to identify and achieve their goals and improve their education and transition outcomes.



Hume Youth Commitment (HYC)

The HYC is a long-term community based initiative that is committed to ensuring that every young person in the City of Hume has access and support to complete either Year 12 or its equivalent in accredited training, is linked to employment, and implements strategies that promote seamless transitions through their schooling.

The HYC is the strategic network that tackles emerging youth issues in Hume and Tangible Connections (which is part of HYC) is the grassroots network, where youth practitioners get to share their program information, network and participate in professional development.

The HYC aims to engage the community to provide real and diverse education and employment opportunities for the young people of Hume to ensure:

- young people are well informed about the full range of local education and employment opportunities
- more young people complete school and/or post school training
- all our community reach out to young people and help them negotiate their next step
- skilled young people are working in local industries and replacing our ageing workforce
- our community has lower youth unemployment
- our community has lower crime rates involving young people
- our local community works together for the good of our young people.



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Whittlesea Youth Commitment (WYC)

The WYC is a long-term community-based initiative that is committed to ensuring that every young person in the City of Whittlesea has access and support to complete either year 12 or its equivalent in accredited training, and is linked in to employment.

WYC is facilitated by a long-standing partnership between the City of Whittlesea and the HWLLEN and is the major Youth Network for the City of Whittlesea.

WYC aims to:

- provide an integrated response by, and collaborative platform for, organisations, businesses, education providers, community groups, and government departments to ensure a seamless provision of support for young people in the City of Whittlesea;

- broker sustainable relationships supporting young people to achieve better outcomes in education, training and employment;
- advocate for services and facilities that provide improved support for young people in the City of Whittlesea.

The WYC Strategic Advisory Group provides strategic oversight for the goals and associated activities of the WYC Action Plan which is revised every 3 years.

The WYC Community Team draws together local practitioners involved in addressing young people's wellbeing, education, training and employment needs to facilitate opportunities for working together.

Spirit of Cooperation Agreement

The Hume and Whittlesea Youth Commitments are formalised by a Spirit of Cooperation Agreement re-signed every 3 years by stakeholders who are willing to work together as a community to enhance the well-being, learning, training and work opportunities of its young people.

