

**August
Issue**

Youth Connect's Vision

"A community where school to work pathways and career choices for all young people are equally valued and respected"

Youth Connect's Mission

Youth Connect works with the community to provide all young people with the skills and knowledge to support them to manage a successful pathway through secondary education, further learning and employment.

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Food for Thought:

*Do not dwell in the past,
do not dream of the future,
concentrate the mind on the
present moment.*

— Buddha

CAPTURE Inner Melbourne Youth Photography Exhibition



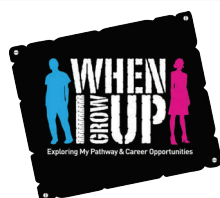
Inner Melbourne Youth Photography Project

Event details are as follows:
Wednesday, 14 September 2011,
6.30pm for a 7.00pm start—8.30pm,
with supper offered to all guests.
Venue: St. Kilda Town Hall, Council
Chambers, 99a Carlisle St, St Kilda.
RSVPs are essential, please reply by
Thursday, 08 September 2011 and
extend this invite to your networks
and anyone who you know would
like to come on the night.

In 2011, Youth Connect are pleased deliver CAPTURE – Inner Melbourne Youth Photography Program.

Participants have been provided with camera equipment and have participated in a series of workshops and excursions. To celebrate the achievements of the participants, we are hosting the CAPTURE Youth Photography Exhibition where photos will be exhibited allowing friends, family and the community to view their work.

We also have a special guest speaker, **Father Bob Maguire** who will be presenting the young people with a Certificate of Participation and acknowledge the support which the Office for Youth have provided.



When I Grow Up

Exploring My Pathways & Career Opportunities Forum & Expo
Planning Committee First Meeting

When I grow Up is a free Pathways & Careers information session aimed at Year 9 students.

We are looking for 5 student volunteers from the Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston, Stonnington, Port Phillip and Yarra regions to make up a planning committee. The scheduled date is Thursday, 8 September from 4.00pm—6.00pm. In years past Youth Connect has run a free careers event for year 9 female students and called it Girls Day Out. This year we want to do include the boys and have made the event bigger! Come charged with ideas in how we can make this a memorable and annual event for our young people. Students will be rewarded for their time. An Expression of Interest form for schools to attend is also available. Contact Jess at j.moore@youthconnect.com.au or call 9557 6233.

Important dates to remember...

Meetings for 2011

Applied Learning Network – Training Providers & Industry RTOs, TAFEs, AACs, GTOs, Industry & Employer Representatives

Term 4 – 8 November 7.30am to 8.45am

Applied Learning Network – Schools (All Sectors) VET, VCAL, Careers Coordinators

Term 4 – 15 November 4.00pm to 5.30pm

All Meetings and BGK Applied Learning Network Forum & Expo will be held at Hemisphere Hotel and Conference Centre, 488 South Rd, Moorabbin. Details will be sent out accordingly. For more information contact Christine on 9557 6233 or email events@youthconnect.com.au.

CAPTURE Inner Melbourne Youth Photography Exhibition

Wednesday, 14 September, 2011: Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start—8.30pm Council Chambers at the St Kilda Town Hall, 99a Carlisle St, St Kilda

When I Grow Up Forum & Expo

—Exploring My Careers & Pathway Options

Planning Committee: Thursday, 8 September, 2011: Arrive at 4.00pm for a 4.30pm start — 6.00pm. Ground Floor, 261 Centre Rd, Bentleigh 3204

Open to year 9 students

Event: Friday, November 25 2011, 9.00am to 12.30pm

Kingston Arts Centre & City Hall,
 Level One Grand Hall and Banquet Hall
 979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin 3189

**BGK Applied Learning Network Forum & Expo—
Working Together for Effective Student Pathways, 5 August 2011**

The morning gave schools and organisations working with young people in applied learning and pathways to come together to collaborate, learn, share expertise, build relationships and explore new opportunities for our young people's effective pathways. MC and keynote speaker Andrew Williamson was fantastic in getting everyone involved in table conversations – discussing diversity of choice, options, school accountabilities and support, expectations of parents and equity of provision. One interactive discussion was based on School-Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SBAT) & Victorian Education & Training in Schools (VETiS), the role these play in career development and learning about the world of work. The expo component enabled guests to network with different organisations that work with young people and hear and see what others are doing in the region.

The day was an overall success and many thanks to all those who attended.



**Now accepting bookings
for Career & Transition
Workshops for 2012.**

**Book any Youth Connect
STEPS, iPREP, PACTS or
TACTS Programs for your
school.**

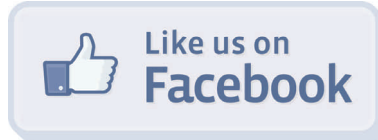
Youth Connect will be able to tailor workshops to suit you and your student and curriculum needs... **And your BUDGET!** Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.

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Secondary School Pathways Information Night, 3 August 2011

The Inner Eastern Local Learning Employment Network, together with Youth Connect hosted the Secondary School Pathways information night on Wednesday night August 3. The event was open to parents to find out about the range of education pathways now available to young people in their senior years of education and at schools in the Inner Eastern Melbourne region.

Over fifty guests attended the event at the Hawthorn Town Hall, with five training organisations exhibiting on then night and a panel of five who described their pathways and experiences leaving school.

The MC for the night was Brian Nankervis who provided light humour and entertained guests and keynote speaker Howard Kelly with his insight into education and young people making choices for their future.

Parents all agreed that events like this are not only enlightening but are beneficial in helping their children in decisions about pathways and education and would like to see the event again next year.

Sponsorship Opportunity

The 2011 Applied Learning Awards will be held on Tuesday October 18 at the International of Brighton.

The Awards present an excellent and integral link to supporting and working towards achieving our Vision – A community where school to work pathways and career choices for all young people are equally valued and respected. The Awards achieve this by rewarding and celebrating the achievements and success of students, schools and employers engaged in and with Applied Learning.

Youth Connect is currently seeking sponsorship for the event. Sponsorship is a great way of promoting your organisation and supporting the development of applied learning for young people in the local community. Please call Christine on 9557 6233 to obtain a sponsorship information pack.

Nominations open 18 July 2011 and close Friday September 9 2011

Are you a teacher, student, employer, trainer or Principal and know of a young person, school or business achieving excellence in applied ('hands-on') learning?

How are winners selected?

The award winners will be selected by a judging panel comprised of representatives from peak industry bodies, education departments and local government.

Be rewarded for this success:

If you would like to nominate a teacher, student, school or business for an Applied Learning Award, please contact Fiona at the BGKLLN on 9584 8845 or email fiona.waugh@bgkllen.org.au to obtain a Nomination Form. Complete your nomination form and return it as directed.



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