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### 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.

Welcome 2011. We hope your holidays were relaxing and wish you a great year ahead!

As we celebrate a new year, Youth Connect will continue to engage with young people, employers, parents and families, education and training providers to work towards providing young people with the opportunity to make informed and successful transitions.

In this issue of uConnect, we have introduced two upcoming photography projects. 'Capture' is run within the Inner East of Melbourne and 'How I See It' will run in the Kingston region. These projects will give the young people a sense of connection with their local community and make them aware of positive activities and past-times they can undertake with their peers.

'Career Connect' a fortnightly new job search service held at the Youth Connect Office. These sessions have been designed to allow young people to obtain job search support and employability skills training.

We also have the Bayside Glen Eira and Kingston Youth Services Forum and Expo for teachers, trainers, principals, student wellbeing officers and careers coordinators to come along and learn about the services for young people in the region and bring a plethora of information back to your school.

We sincerely appreciate your partnership and support, and we look forward to working with you in 2011.

### All Teacher Personnel are Invited to the 2011 Youth Support Services for Schools – Forum and Expo (Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston Region)

This free professional learning and information session is comprised of two elements – a Forum and an Expo. The Forum will give you a chance to learn about the ways in which you and your students can access state and federally funded support services during 2011.

The Expo will give you a chance to connect with a wide range of local programs and services that enhance student pathways, transitions, wellbeing, welfare and health across the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston region. The session will be a great chance to connect with your colleagues, learn about support services, enhance your knowledge of referral agencies and provide you with information that you can take back to your school. Date 22 February 2011 930–1230, Jan Lake Centre Mentone. Please register through <http://pd-online.com.au> or call Christine on 9557 6233.



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.

### Sponsorship Opportunity

The 2011 Applied Learning Awards will be held on Tuesday October 18. 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.

### Important dates to remember... Proposed Meetings for 2011

We encourage you to sign up to Youth Connect's mailing list to ensure that you are informed about future network meetings and events. Email [events@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:events@youthconnect.com.au) for sign up.

| Applied Learning Network – Schools (All Sectors) |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>VET, VCAL, Careers Coordinators</b>           |                  |
| Term 1 – 8 <sup>th</sup> March                   | 4.00pm to 5.30pm |
| Term 2 – 31 <sup>st</sup> May                    | 4.00pm to 5.30pm |
| Term 3 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August                 | 4.00pm to 5.30pm |
| Term 4 – 15 <sup>th</sup> November               | 4.00pm to 5.30pm |

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

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| Term 1 – 1 <sup>st</sup> March    | 7.30am to 8.45am |
| Term 2 – 24 <sup>th</sup> May     | 7.30am to 8.45am |
| Term 3 – 16 <sup>th</sup> August  | 7.30am to 8.45am |
| Term 4 – 8 <sup>th</sup> November | 7.30am to 8.45am |

### Applied Learning Network Expo

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011  
9.30am to 12.00pm

Venue to be confirmed for all these meetings.

# Coming up...

## CAREER CONNECT

FREE JOB SERVICE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



**Work This Way (WTW)** is a free service which assists unemployed young people aged 16 – 24 living in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston regions into sustainable employment including apprenticeships and traineeships. WTW also offers a free service to employers seeking to employ a young person.

- Do you need help finding a job?
- Aged between 16 to 24 years?
- Do you live in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston areas?

If you answer YES, we can help you find a job including apprenticeships and traineeships.

**Date:** Wednesday 9 February 2011  
(Career Connect will be held on Wednesdays fortnightly)

**Time:** 10.00am to 1.00pm

**Venue:** Youth Connect, Ground Floor,  
261 Centre Road, Bentleigh 3204  
Mel Ref: 68 C12 (Corner Rose Street)

**Registration:** Contact Michele or Rebecca on:  
9557 6233 or email:  
Michele [m.sargent@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:m.sargent@youthconnect.com.au)  
Rebecca [r.thorn@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:r.thorn@youthconnect.com.au)

Visit [www.youthconnect.com.au](http://www.youthconnect.com.au)



You will have the opportunity to participate in workshops, group activities, one-on-one mentoring and an exhibition where all your friends and family can attend. You will also have the opportunity to have your photo published in a youth calendar. Call 9557 6233 for more information or email Craig at [c.browne@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:c.browne@youthconnect.com.au)



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Food for Thought—  
Learn from yesterday, live for today,  
hope for tomorrow.  
- Albert Einstein

# PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION HOW I SEE IT



Live, Learn Or Play in the Kingston area?

Aged between 12 and 25?

Love photography?

Here are some ideas:

Local Beaches  
Markets  
Arts and Entertainment  
Sporting Events  
Flora and Fauna  
Food and Culture  
Historical Buildings

Take a photo within the City of Kingston area and snap up hundreds of dollars. Westfield Vouchers up for grabs!  
1st Prize \$300  
2nd Prize \$200  
3rd Prize \$100

For more information call Jessica on 9557 6333 or email [jmcneil@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:jmcneil@youthconnect.com.au) or visit [www.youthconnect.com.au](http://www.youthconnect.com.au). Entries must be received by March 15 2011.



LIVE,  
LEARN,  
OR PLAY  
IN THE INNER EAST OF  
MELBOURNE?

- GAIN THE CHANCE TO VIEW MELBOURNE THROUGH A LENS
- AGES 13-19
- A FREE 12 WEEK PHOTOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE
- CAMERAS AND LUNCHES PROVIDED
- DAY TRIPS INCLUDED
- AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE FOR A PASSION OR HOBBY

BECOME INDEPENDENT AND ASPIRE TO BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE AND MORE...

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