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## Youth Connect showcases “A Diverse Range of Programs”

The Bayside Glen Eira Kingston Local learning and Employment Network (BGK LLEN) recently coordinated the ‘In-School and External Programs for At-Risk Students Forum’. Held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of November, the forum was a huge success with over 90 representatives attending this inaugural professional development and networking opportunity. The forum gave attendees a chance to learn from a range of secondary schools and community education providers about the programs and methods they have utilised to best meet the needs of young people at risk of disengaging from learning.

Youth Connect General Manager Daniela Ascone presented at the forum as a panel member. Daniela highlighted the innovative programs and philosophy of flexible learning that is currently offered to Youth Connect clients. These programs aim to engage clients with a diversity of learning experiences while simultaneously developing partnerships in the broader community. Daniela’s contribution to the forum was very well received and appreciated by participants, giving attendees the model for programs that can meet the learning and development needs of at-risk students.

The forum is the first of its kind in the region, building connections between schools and community organisations and ways in which they can share knowledge and models for the benefit of local young people. It is hoped that this forum can be offered again in 2013.

For more information of the ‘In-School and External Programs for At-Risk Students Forum’ please contact Janet Inclendon at the BGK LLEN on 9584 8845.

### Important Dates

**Youth Connect Office Closure**  
21 December to 7 January

**WTW Job Search Workshop**  
11 January @ 11am to 1pm

**Career Connect**  
18 January @ 10am –1pm

**PACTS Facilitator Training**  
29 January @ 9.00am - 4.00pm  
30 January @ 9.00am - 3.30pm

### 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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### Work This Way Student Employment Program will be running a FREE workshop for Youth who are looking for Part Time Work

This workshop will offer support for young people with their resumes, cover letters and also provide information on the online application process.

**When: 11 Jan @ 11am—1pm**

**Location: Youth Connect Office - Lvl 3, 1001 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin VIC 3189**

To be eligible to participate in this program you must be receiving youth allowance or hold a health care card, learn or play in the City of Kingston. For more info contact **Naarah on 8306 6300**

[Click here to download the WTW Registration form](#)

**\*\*Supporting young people to learn to support themselves\*\***



## CAREER CONNECT

We can help you find a job including apprenticeships and traineeships.

**Career Connect** helps young people aged 16—24 years old, who live, work, learn or play in the South Eastern suburbs, seeking employment to engage in a safe, informal, discussion-based group environment. Gain experience working in a team, voice your opinions, share stories and talk about your goals. Enjoy being part of something and develop a sense of empowerment—

Find your own pathway — In your own time.

**Youth Connect runs a FREE fortnightly job search group for young people who are looking to get into the work force or may need career advice.**

**Date: Currently held Fridays fortnightly—The next date is 18 Jan 2013 @ 10am—1pm**

**Location: Youth Connect Office, Level 3/1001 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin**

**For more information or to register please contact Michele Sargent on 8306 6300**



### Do you or somebody you know own or manage a local business?

Have you thought about how your work could support the next generation into achieving their career goals?

The Workplace Learning Coordinators at Youth Connect can visit your work and help you develop scope in your business to support young people in a variety of ways.

For any more information or advice, contact the Workplace Learning Coordinators team at Youth Connect on 8306 6300.

### Benefits to your business:

**Increase community profile of your business**

**Train current employees in leadership skills**

**Source potential future employees**



Youth Connect would like to wish you a safe and happy holidays and look forward to working with you in 2013.

**The Youth Connect office will be closed from Friday 21 December and re-open Monday 7 January**

# FACTS

## Facilitator Training

Youth Connect in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurance is offering a PACTS (Parents As Career Transition Support) two day facilitator training session.

PACTS is a series of workshops and resources developed to provide parents with up-to-date information about career transition, enabling parents to support their children effective when making career transition decisions.

Participation in this training session will provide you with the knowledge, skills and materials to conduct a series of PACTS workshops in schools or community settings.

### Places are limited!

- Dates:** 29 and 30 January 2013
- Times:** Day 1— Tuesday 29th Jan 2013 (9.00am—4.00pm)  
Day 2— Wednesday 30th Jan 2013 (9.00am—3.30pm)
- Cost:** \$585 + GST
- Target Audience:** VET, VCAL & Careers Coordinators, Youth Workers, Youth Connections, Community Education, Learn Local and JSA/DES providers and Community agency representatives working with young people and/or their families.
- Provided:** Lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Workshop handbook facilitators kit and one year membership to the PACTS National Network
- Location:** Youth Connect Level 3, 1001 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin, VIC 3189
- RSVP:** Wednesday 16th Jan 2013
- Enquiries:** Daniela Ascone on (03) 8306 6300 or [pacts@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:pacts@youthconnect.com.au)

## STAFF PROFILE— SAM GRAHAM



- What is your position at Youth Connect?**  
Right Step Case manager
- Complete this sentence: When I grow up I want to be a...**psychologist
- What is your star sign?** Taurus
- Favourite pastime** Rollerblading
- What CD is currently playing in your car?**  
None.... I listen to the radio
- What annoys you?** My alarm!
- Favourite destination and where to next?**
- Favourite destination—** Surfers Paradise
- Next Destination—**Bali
- Something we don't know about you:**  
I have never broken a bone
- Favourite thing about your role?**  
One on One interaction with young people
- Best attribute?**  
Communication Skills

## Youth Connections December Update!



As part of the Youth Connections program within Yarra, Youth Connect funded an organisation called Project Rokit to deliver a workshop targeting bullying at Collingwood College.

Thirty five students from year 7 and 8 participated in the workshop which tackled the issue of bullying, through a series of unique interactive activities and narrative learning.



Feedback received from both the teachers and students was very positive and provided an opportunity to identify young people eligible for Youth Connections case managed assistance in 2013.



### Lynall Hall Community Graduation

Lynall Hall Community School celebrated their end of year graduation and award ceremony on Thursday 6 December. A range of awards were presented to students, teachers and external organisations for their outstanding participation throughout 2012

### Collingwood Alternative Graduation

Collingwood Alternative celebrated their graduation and student art exhibition which also took place on Thursday 6 December. The art exhibition included a range of paintings, sculptures, furniture and various media initiatives. The event included a live performance from their in-house band whose members included both staff and students.

## 2013 VETiS Enrolments

- Block Credit Units 3 and 4 in Acting, Justice, Screen (one year program) are highly recommended for Year 12 students with an interest in these areas. Students are not required to have completed a first year.
- Block Credit Units 3 and 4 Acting - 2 vacancies
- Dance First Year -1 vacancy Dance Second Year – lots of vacancies
- Fashion – combined class -2 vacancies
- IT Games - completely filled
- Hospitality - 5 vacancies
- Block Credit Units 3 and 4 Justice – 5 vacancies
- Music First Year -1 vacancy (waiting list commenced) Music Second Year - 2 vacancies
- Block Credit Units 3 and 4 Screen – combined class 1 vacancy



We request that you get your 2013 Youth Connect VETiS enrolment forms in as soon as possible as spaces are running out. **Mature Year 10's can be considered for Year 11 programs.**

Information relating to our VETiS programs and prices can be found on our website;  
<http://www.youthconnect.com.au/vet-handbook/>

For further information, please contact Geraldine on 8306 6300 or [g.borgonha@youthconnect.com.au](mailto:g.borgonha@youthconnect.com.au)

Cheltenham Secondary College are offering Certificate II in Logistics in 2013. We are taking expressions of interests from students who are interested in this program and their other programs Certificate II in Automotive (Mechanical) and Certificate II in Engineering.

**SAVE THE DATE**

2013 Applied Learning Awards

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APPLIED LEARNING AWARDS

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