



Youth Employment, Engagement, Transitions Initiatives in Victoria

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This Directory lists State and Federal Government funded programs that operate in the youth space. Not all of them have commenced, and not all are available in all parts of the State. The list is not exhaustive, but gives a good overview of programs, excluding those that are local Government or organisational initiatives.

Victorian Government Initiatives: Education and Engagement

Program name	Program description/Target group	Eligibility (where applicable)	Providers and LGA areas in the Outer East	Contract Duration
<p>Children and Youth Area Partnership (CYAP) Eight Area Partnership launch sites have been established across Victoria: Central Highlands; Inner Gippsland; Mallee Loddon Outer Eastern Melbourne Ovens Murray Southern Melbourne Western Melbourne <i>Learning from these sites will be used to inform the roll-out of all 17 Area Partnerships across the state.</i></p>	<p>This initiative is part of the Victoria's Vulnerable Children – Our Shared Responsibility Strategy 2013–2022. Children and Youth Area Partnerships bring together a range of government departments, local government and the community sector to collectively focus their effort to ensure that vulnerable children are kept safe from harm and have every opportunity to succeed in life. The partnerships will collaborate across a broad spectrum of service sectors, including education, justice, health, community services, the police and local government.</p>		<p>Principal Advisor Outer East Area Partnership: Meg Beilken Tel: 8392 9305</p>	
<p>Local Learning & Employment Network (LLEN)</p>	<p>LLENs create strategic, sustainable partnerships that improve education and transition outcomes for young people, including increasing Year 12 or equivalent attainment rates. LLENs use their knowledge of the region to influence strategic planning and broker partnerships among key stakeholders to support young people to remain engaged, or re-engage, in education or training.</p>		<p>OELLEN 15/45-51 Ringwood St, Ringwood Tel: 9870 4555 www.oellen.org.au LGA: Knox, Maroondah & Yarra Ranges</p>	<p>Current to Dec 2019</p>

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LOOKOUT	LOOKOUT Centres will work in partnership with schools to enrol young people in out-of-home-care, monitor and evaluate educational progress, set targets, and co-ordinate resources and activities to support the child's education at school and at home. This will lead to improvements in school attendance, engagement and achievement	LOOKOUT Education Support Centre staff will advocate and support all children and young people in out-of-home care within the education system.	Department of Education and Training North Eastern Victoria Region Tel: 1300 333 23 Glen Waverley Tel: (03) 8392 9300 Benalla Tel: (03) 8392 9500 E: nevr@edumail.vic.gov.au	Est by 2017
Navigator Pilot Program (Operating in 8 Victorian areas)	Navigator service pilot will support young people who are not connected to schools at all or at risk of disengaging. Providers will be responsible for improving outcomes for young people, linking them to support services and interventions, and supporting them to re-engage with education and training. Through regular contact, providers will track and monitor young people, report on outcomes, identify gaps in local services and support planning to address these gaps. The Department of Education and Training will establish a Disengaged Students Register in 2016 to track young people leaving schools who may need support.	Young people aged 12-17 years who are not connected to schools at all or at risk of disengaging.	Mallee, Central Highland, Western Melbourne, Hume Moreland, Goulburn, Ovens Murray, Southern Melbourne and Bayside Peninsula. No pilot in OELLEN Metro areas: Southern Lead provider: South East Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) Partner providers: Taskforce Community Agency, South East Community Links, Youth Support and Advocacy Service Bayside Peninsula Lead provider: Mission Australia Partner providers: McClelland College, Westernport Secondary College, Frankston Mornington LLEN, Peninsula Health Western Melbourne Lead provider: Anglicare Victoria Partner provider: The Brotherhood of St Laurence	Start 2016 (2 Year pilot)

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Reconnect: Engagement and Learning Support (REALS)	<p>The Reconnect (REALS) Program, part of the Back to Work Scheme, is providing \$14 million over two years to RTOs on the Foundation Skills Approved Provider List for 2016. REALS will undertake outreach to recruit young people, aged 15-24 who are not in education, training or full time employment and who left school without year 12; Assess students' learning and non-learning needs and career goals, and develop an agreed learning plan; Provide support services that will help them start and stay in training;</p> <p>Arrange supervised workplace experience to increase employability; and assist students in transitioning to education/ further training, apprenticeships or other employment.</p>	<p>Young people, aged 15-24 who are not in education, training or full time employment and who left school without year 12 will have access to Reconnect supports for a period of 3 to a maximum of 18 months for students who require more intensive support services to develop skills needed to achieve a training, education, apprenticeship or other employment outcome.</p>	<p>Knox & Maroondah LGAs: KYM Ringwood 5 Murray Pl, Ringwood Tel: 8878 5900 Bayswater 673 Mountain Highway Tel: 9722 5777 Yarra Ranges LGA Box Hill Institute Group (also Melbourne and Whitehorse LGAs) 1300 BOXHILL</p> <p>Knox, Maroondah & Yarra Ranges LGAs Mountain District Learning Centre 13-15 The Avenue Ferntree Gully 9758 7859</p>	2016-2018
School Focused Youth Services (SFYS)	<p>Through SFYS, schools and community organisations work together to provide support to vulnerable and at-risk young people who are attending school to remain (or become) positively engaged in their education.</p> <p>This will be achieved by SFYS providers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating partnerships and pathways between schools and community organisations to support at-risk young people • coordinating the provision of community-based services in partnership with schools and community agencies to support schools to address the needs of at-risk young people. 	<p>Vulnerable and at-risk young people aged 10-18 years who are attending school</p>	<p>Knox, Maroondah & Yarra Ranges LGA Youth Services</p> <p>Knox Katie Scott Tel: 9298 8465 Katie.Scott@knox.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Maroondah Sarah Cullen Tel: 9294 5701 sarah.cullen@maroondah.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Yarra Ranges Tel: 9294 6716</p>	Current to Dec 2017

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Springboard	An intensive support service for young people transitioning from residential out-of-home care who are not engaged in education, training or employment has been established in Victoria. Springboard is provided by community-based organisations that have specialist skills supporting young people with education, training and/or employment.	The Springboard program assists young people aged 16 to 21 on Victorian Custody or Guardianship orders who are in residential out-of-home care, or who have recently left care.	Dan Kavanagh K.Y.M. (Victoria) Inc Phone 0416 225 239 http://www.kym.com.au	2012-2018
Structured Workplace Learning	The SWL program is delivered across Victoria by the LLEN Network. Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is on-the-job training that allows students to develop their work skills and understand employer expectations.	SWL is available to Victorian school students undertaking a VET program as part of their VCE or VCAL studies, including School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).	OELLEN 15/45-51 Ringwood St, Ringwood Tel: 9870 4555 www.oellen.org.au	Current – Dec 2016
Youth Employment Scheme (YES)	The program is targeted at unemployed or disadvantaged youth. Victorians aged 15 to 24 can gain a career kick-start with traineeships in the Victorian Government to develop skills and qualifications to transition to ongoing employment.	YP are eligible to apply for the scheme if they currently: are aged between 15 and 24 (as at the start of the traineeship) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are unemployed or not working more than 15 hours per week • are not engaged in tertiary education • are available for work • do not have a university qualification. • 	Victorian Government Departments e.g. DHHS, Justice Department Melbourne Metro GTOs NECA Group Training T: 9381 1922 MEGT T: 1300 365 022 WPC Group T: 1300 656 461 Apprenticeships Plus T: 1800 81 81 05 Workforce Solutions T: 9288 9900 Ai Group T: 9867 0146	

Victorian Government Initiatives: Employment

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<p>Jobs Victorian Employment Network (JVEN)</p>	<p>JVEN will provide targeted support services for people looking for work and employers looking for workers, and will consolidate all Victorian employment services into one system.</p>	<p>The profile of jobseekers assisted will vary from location to location, depending on population and on existing services, but may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term unemployed people from culturally diverse communities including refugees and asylum seekers • Aboriginal jobseekers • Mature age jobseekers • Youth justice clients • Young people in out-of-home care • Workers retrenched from the automotive manufacturing and supply chain industry • Other retrenched workers • Disengaged young people (aged 15-24 and not engaged in education, training or employment) • Single parents • Jobseekers with a disability • Jobseekers with a mental illness • Social housing tenants • Ex-offenders • Veterans and their families. 	<p>Applications closed June 1st. Successful providers will be announced October 2016</p>	

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Skills & Job Centres	<p>Located on TAFE facilities, centres will link jobseekers and employers to ensure they're engaged in quality training that will lead to a job at the end of their course.</p> <p>Skills and Jobs Centres offer advice and a range of services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assistance with career and training plans, identifying training qualifications that could be undertaken to make a successful career transition. • apprenticeship and traineeship advice • referral to additional service providers offering welfare support and financial advice • job search skills and resume preparation assistance • assistance to identify existing skills with the opportunity to formalise these through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) • access to information on employment trends, industry areas with skills shortages and employment opportunities • assistance with career and training plans, identifying training qualifications that could be undertaken to make a successful career transition. 	<p>Skills and Jobs Centres are aimed at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prospective students • apprentices and trainees • employers & industry • Unemployed/retrenched workers 	<p>Box Hill Institute Lilydale Campus: 34-40 John St, Lilydale Phone: 03 8892 1370 Box Hill Campus: 466 Elgar Rd, Box Hill Phone: 03 8892 1350 CBD Flagship: 21 Degraves St, Melbourne Phone: 03 8892 1360 Swinburne Eastland Shopping Centre (Maroondah Highway Ringwood), outside Kmart. Phone: 1300 SWINBURNE E: study@swinburne.edu.au</p>	

Federal Government Initiatives: Employment				
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Empowering YOUTH	Empowering YOUTH Initiatives programme seeks to help disadvantaged and vulnerable young people aged 15-24 to find and keep a job. The programme will support new, innovative approaches from not-for-profit and non-government organisations to help young people aged 15 - 24 years who are identified to be long-term unemployed or who are at risk of long-term unemployment overcome their barriers and move onto the pathway to sustainable employment. Current intensive vocational assistance is to be expanded through a digital platform and an integrated primary health care setting including access to mental health clinicians.	Young Indigenous people, early school leavers and young people in regional centres with mild to moderate mental health issues.	<p>Headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation Ltd (VIC including regional centres)</p> <p>Factsheets are available on the government website: www.employment.gov.au/youth</p>	
Job Commitment Bonus	The Job Commitment Bonus for Young Australians is a payment to encourage long-term unemployed young Australians to find a job, keep it and stay off welfare. The payments are conditional on retaining work for an extended period, providing an incentive for those who find a job to stay employed.	Incentives target those aged between 18 and 30 .	<p>Claim through myGov website: https://my.gov.au</p>	Dec 2016

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<p>Transition to Work</p>	<p>Transition to Work is a new service to support young people aged 15-21 on their journey to employment. The service will provide intensive, pre-employment support to improve the work-readiness of young people and help them into work (including apprenticeships and traineeships) or education.</p>	<p>To participate in Transition to Work a young person must be aged 15-21, early school leavers or those who have had difficulty entering employment after school. :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian citizen, or • the holder of a permanent visa, or • New Zealand Special Category Visa, or • Nominated Visa (including Temporary Protection Visa or Safe Haven Visa). <p>Eligibility will also depend on a young person's circumstances, including whether the young person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been awarded a Year 12 certificate or Certificate III • has been employed within the last six months • receives an income support payment such as Youth Allowance • is currently participating in another employment service including jobactive. • 	<p>HYP A Ringwood (Operating out of Job Prospects) Suite 14/12 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood T: 9024 8475</p> <p>HYP A Lilydale (Operating out of Job Prospects) Shop 3/5-7 Clarke St. Lilydale VIC 3140 T: 9024 8450 HYP A Wantirna South (Operating out of Job Prospects) Level 2/ Suite J, 420 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South T: 9024 8425</p>	

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The National Work Experience Programme	<p>The National Work Experience Programme is part of jobactive. It is a work experience programme which places job seekers in real life work experience placements. It helps jobseekers gain experience and confidence, while demonstrating skills to potential employers.</p> <p>The National Work Experience Programme will offer work experience and employment opportunities for job seekers by providing unpaid placements with employers for up to four weeks, to a maximum of 25 hours per week. Employers who offer participants ongoing employment after the placement may be eligible for a wage subsidy.</p>	<p>Eligible Employers You cannot host a National Work Experience Programme placement if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • you have downsized your workforce in the previous 12 months; or plan to downsize during the placement, or • the placement would result in the reduction or replacement of any existing paid workers and/or any paid workers' hours of work. <p>You can speak to a jobactive provider in your area who will help you work out if a work experience placement is right for your organisation.</p>	Jobactive providers	

OTHER Government Initiatives

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The Youth Transition Support Pilot for Refugee young people	<p>The pilot is being rolled out from 1 January 2016 for 18 months by six service providers in 10 locations. The Youth Transition Support Pilot will help young humanitarian entrants and vulnerable migrants under 25 to participate in work and education.</p>		In Victoria, Foundation House will deliver the programme in Greater Dandenong and Casey, and the Brotherhood of St Laurence will service the Hume area.	

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Jobactive	jobactive connects job seekers with employers and is delivered by a network of jobactive providers in over 1700 locations across Australia. Employers can use a local jobactive provider for tailored recruitment services, at no cost to their business. jobactive providers work closely with employers to understand their recruitment needs	Job seekers can get help from a jobactive provider to get and keep a job . jobactive providers have the flexibility to tailor their services to a job seeker’s assessed needs. If you have <u>recently been made redundant</u> from your job, there is also information available on support to help you.	jobactive providers in over 1700 locations across Australia. https://jobsearch.gov.au	
DES –Employment Support Service	Through Disability Employment Services, job seekers with disability, injury or health condition may be able to receive assistance to prepare for, find and keep a job. Disability Employment Services providers are a mix of large, medium and small, for-profit and not-for-profit organisations that are experienced in supporting job seekers with disability and experienced helping businesses to put in place practices that support the employee in the workplace. Employment Support Service provides assistance to people with permanent disability and who need regular, ongoing support to keep a job.		<u>MatchWorks</u> Ringwood Tel: 9879 6600 <u>WCN E-Focus</u> Ringwood Tel: 1300 888 230 Advanced Personal Management (APM) Ringwood Tel: 9879 1721 Boronia Tel: 9762 9980 ECHO Ringwood Tel: 9879 7814 Wantirna South Tel: 9800 1870 EACH Ringwood Tel: 9259 4100 Boronia Tel: 8720 2500 <u>Sarina Russo Job Access</u> Ringwood Tel: 13 15 59 Lilydale Tel: 13 15 59 <u>Mission Australia</u> Lilydale Tel: 0477 306 795	Funding current to 2020

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<p>Engaging Early School Leavers</p>	<p>Early school leavers who are not on a further education track will be supported to look for work and can be required to do so. This includes seeking opportunities such as apprenticeships or traineeships. The measure comprises three elements, all commencing from 1 January 2016:</p> <p>1) Compulsory job search Early school leavers will be expected to look for work if they are not undertaking: full-time education; or a combination of education and paid work for at least 25 hours a week (or 15 hours for principal carer parents and people with a partial work capacity).</p> <p>2) Year 12 Equivalency Early school leavers will now have to attain Year 12 or a Certificate III (up from Certificate II), in order to no longer be subject to the 25 hours per week participation requirement.</p> <p>3) Extending eligibility Education outcome payments Early school leavers will continue to be given tailored assistance in their search for a job through jobactive. jobactive will continue to support young people who want to complete Year 12. Under the changes, the \$1000 payment to jobactive providers when an early school leaver achieves Year 12 (or Certificate III), will be extended from 15-17 years olds to 15-21 year olds.</p>	<p>This measure will affect early school leavers who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are in receipt of Youth Allowance (other) • are 15 to 21 years of age • do not hold a Year 12 or Certificate III level qualification <p>Job seekers who gain a Certificate II level qualification after 1 January 2016 will remain an early school leaver until they turn 22 or gain a Year 12 or Certificate III qualification. Early school leavers who attained a Certificate II prior to 1 January 2016 and who subsequently return to income support after 1 January 2016 will not be subject to the new requirements.</p>	<p>jobactive providers in over 1700 locations across Australia. https://jobsearch.gov.au</p>	

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<p>Work for the Dole</p>	<p>Under Work for the Dole you can gain skills and experience that give back to the community and can help you find a job.</p> <p>If you have been commenced with a jobactive provider for six months or more, you will need to take part in Work for Dole or another approved activity for six months each year you remain in employment services.</p> <p>You need to take part in Work for the Dole to keep receiving your income support if you are in jobactive and have mutual obligation requirements. If you participate in the programme, you will receive an extra \$20.80 a fortnight to assist with expenses such as transport.</p>	<p>If you are in jobactive, are aged between 18 and 59:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • receive an income support payment such as Newstart Allowance, Youth Allowance (other), or Parenting Payment and your youngest child is at least six years of age, and • have a mutual obligation requirement (that is, you need to do certain things to keep receiving income support) <p>you need to complete an Annual Activity Requirement for six months each year.</p> <p>Work for the Dole is the main way that you can meet your Annual Activity Requirement.</p>	<p>Work for the Dole Coordinators:</p> <p>North Eastern Melbourne MatchWorks Work for the Dole Coordinator: Huda Al-Madhoun Tel: 03 9302 1800 or 0437 483 969 Email: hudaa@matchworks.com.au</p> <p>South Eastern Melbourne and Peninsula MAX Solutions Work for the Dole Coordinator: Kellie Wheeler Tel: 0407 902 343</p>	

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<p>New Enterprise Incentive Scheme</p>	<p>Job seekers who are interested in running a small business may be eligible to participate in the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS). NEIS provides job seekers with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - accredited small business training and business mentoring for up to 52 weeks - income support for up to 39 weeks (NEIS Allowance) and NEIS Rental Assistance for up to 26 weeks (if eligible) - personalised mentoring and support from a NEIS provider in the first year of the new business to help a job seeker put their business idea into practice. <p>NEIS training NEIS training helps job seekers achieve a nationally recognised qualification and is a Centrelink approved activity for up to 13 weeks. Depending on the type of small business the job seeker is planning, a NEIS provider will refer them to the appropriate training, either a Certificate III in Micro-Business Operations or Certificate IV in Small Business Management. During the training job seekers will develop a NEIS Business Plan which will need to be approved by their NEIS Provider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● be at least 18 years of age at the time they start NEIS ● be receiving an eligible income support payment such as Newstart Allowance, Parenting Payment, Carer Payment, Disability Support Pension or Youth Allowance (Other) ● not convert to the Age Pension before or during participation in NEIS ● be available to participate in NEIS training (if relevant) and work full time in the proposed NEIS business ● not be an undischarged bankrupt ● not have, at any time, received NEIS Assistance for a similar business activity ● not have received NEIS Assistance in the previous three years. <p>Recipients of Disability Support Pension, Carers Payment, Parenting Payment (Single) and some Department of Veterans' Affairs pensions can choose to remain on these payments while participating in NEIS.</p>	<p>Mission Providence RINGWOOD c/o Job Prospects Suite 14 12 Maroondah Highway RINGWOOD Tel: 1300 006 347 http://missionprovidence.com.au vicneis@missionprovidence.com.au</p>	

