

Successful Innovation Fund Projects – Round 1

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Coleen Maree Rivas t/as Work Savvy Parents	Parent Mentoring Program	Life Coaching/ Mentoring/Life Skills Program	National	Primarily delivered from Western and South Western Sydney and West and Northern Brisbane - Project based out of Penrith NSW	The project will focus on helping a total of up to 160 disadvantaged parents from jobless families in Western and South West Sydney and Ipswich/Logan including through coaching to address specific needs. These needs include overcoming barriers to social inclusion (e.g. literacy or numeracy deficits, housing problems and poor social or family networks), vocational selection and training needs assessment, work experience placement, targeted reverse marketing, interview preparation and post placement visits and intervention between the employer and the participant. A participants coach will keep in touch with the participant throughout the program, until an employment or education outcome has been reached	Coleen Rivas Ph: 1300 764 828
Jobsupport Incorporated	Evidence Based Training and Technical Assistance	Training Program/ Life Skills Program	National	Principally delivered from Kingsgrove	This will replicate, and vigorously evaluate, the evidenced based Training and Technical Assistance model used by the Virginia Commonwealth University across a sample of Australian employment services. The focus will be on the assistance providers are giving to job seekers with intellectual disabilities. The project will include quantifying what improvement in outcomes for highly disadvantaged job seekers can be attributed to the provision of evidence based Training and Technical Assistance. Training will be provided to at least 200 employment service provider staff. Training and Technical Assistance delivery skills will be imparted to Jobsupport staff and selected staff of other providers as appropriate. The program will be delivered in Kingsgrove.	Phil Tuckerman Ph: 02 9150 8888

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Mission Australia	Changing Places: A Neighbourhood Social Enterprise Demonstration Project	Training/Life Skills Program	National	Primarily delivered from Darwin, Palmerston (NT), Brisbane, Ipswich, Logan (Qld), Banyule, Darebin (Vic)	This project will develop large scale long term sustainable social enterprises in Banyule and Darebin, Darwin and Palmerston and Brisbane, Ipswich and Logan, create at least 285 transitional employment and work experience opportunities for highly disadvantaged job seekers (with 70% expected outcomes into full time employment or education), evaluate and share lessons learned and develop a replicable model of social procurement for social enterprise development for future roll-out across Australia.	Adam Collison Ph: 02 9219 2028
Social Ventures Australia	School for Social Entrepreneurs Australia: "People Powered" Job Creation in Disadvantaged Communities	Support the SSE in providing 200 social entrepreneurs with the professional and project support to develop innovative and sustainable social enterprises.	National	Principally delivered from Auburn (NSW)	This project will provide learning and development opportunities to people who have a passion for social change and the entrepreneurial drive to make a real difference in their communities. Social entrepreneurs will be identified and supported in highly disadvantaged communities to create sustainable initiatives and enterprises that not only meet an identified social need but which will also serve to boost local employment.	Amy Pamphlet Ph: 02 9687 0346 www.sse.org.au
CatholicCare	Mamre Refugee Transition to Work and Enterprise	Life Skills/Training/ Education Program	NSW	St Marys	This project will establish an innovative Intensive Market Garden Action Learning Environment for skills and enterprise development for the long term unemployed humanitarian refugees in Western Sydney to assist them to gain skills and employment. A wide range of generic skills transferable to other occupations will be covered. Those completing the project will also receive vocational training equivalent to at least Certificate II level but in the form of Statements of Attainment in the appropriate modules. Participants will be supported through a range of community partner experts in employment, migrant services and health care issues.	Bob Thatcher Ph: 02 9670 5321
Coffs Harbour Employment Support Service Inc	Coffs Coast Community Farm Program (CC-CFP)	Training Program/ Life Skills Program	NSW	Coffs Harbour	The program will assist highly disadvantaged job seekers living in the Coffs Coast to address barriers to employment and obtain and sustain employment or training by: establishing a farm program, establishing a labour-hire and training referral service, and developing programs to improve service-providers' and employers' understanding of highly disadvantaged job seekers. The program will be delivered in the Coffs Harbour region.	John Mandile Ph: 02 6691 9333
Job Futures	Adult Voluntary Post Release Support Service	Through-care transition support	NSW	Illawarra, South Coast NSW, Southern Highlands	The project will support people being released from detention centres, by assessing and addressing their barriers to community reintegration. The program will provide intensive support to assist the participant to identify and address their social, familial, health, housing, training and employment needs. Participants will access a 'one stop shop', with all their personal needs and barriers addressed on a one-on-one case management basis. The program will be delivered in the following locations: Illawarra, South Coast NSW and Southern Highlands.	Samantha Hill Ph: 02 4286 5600

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MAXNetWork Pty Ltd	Reconstructing Lives	Training and mentoring	NSW	Macquarie Fields	This project is targeted at young job seekers living in Macquarie Fields, a trial area with significant multiple entrenched disadvantages. The project aims to work with the youth of the area to break the cycle of poverty and unemployment through a camping and support style program, with strong linkages to the building and construction industry, in order to provide mental and physical health interventions, recognised training and, ultimately, ongoing sustainable employment. The project will provide support to 15 participants.	Dianne Hamer Ph: 02 9574 8200 Fax: 02 9574 8299 Email : dianne.hamer@maxemployment.com.au
NSW Technical and Further Education Commission	Promising Futures - Partners in learning And Community Enterprise (PLACE)	Engagement/Life Skills Program	NSW	Waterloo, Woolloomooloo, Marrickville South	This is a community engagement and learning project focusing on people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in inner, south eastern and inner western Sydney. The project will strengthen learning, employment and community enterprise networks that will implement locally negotiated place based Learning to Work programs leading to a range of civic participation and employment opportunities. These opportunities include peer mentoring, access to local employment, social enterprises and community regeneration projects in marginalised communities.	Maree Morgan Ph: 02 9217 3780
NSW Technical and Further Education Commission	The Shoalhaven Skills Garden - Growing capabilities	Skills/Mentoring Program	NSW	West Nowra	This is a collaborative project that will provide wrap around services from a variety of service providers to provide skills development, mentoring, employability skills and psychosocial programs to disadvantaged jobseekers with mental disabilities to help facilitate their entry to ongoing employment or further training. It will be based on an existing farm, with the range of activities and production being expanded with view to developing sustainable food production as a viable enterprise that will include provision of food to disadvantaged community groups.	Vanessa O'Brien Ph: 02 42290586
Southern Youth and Family Services Association Incorporated	The Foyer and Case Management Project	Engagement Program/Housing	NSW	Wollongong	This project targets at risk, disadvantaged, homeless Wollongong/ Illawarra people aged 15 to 24 living in the core accommodation "Foyer" Service, in homelessness services, in homeless or other poor living situations. It will transform and extend the core "Foyer" Service, with leaving care and exit placement options incorporating the education, training and pre-employment support. An integrated model of case management and early intervention for education, training, pre-employment and other support will be used. The project will provide support for a total of 270 youth by the cessation date of 8 June 2012.	Stephen Dodd Ph: 02 42287452
The Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church of the Archdiocese of Sydney	Educational and Motivational Program of Activities Targeting Homeless Youth	Calendar of skills-based sessions for homeless youth	NSW	Inner West & Southern Sydney	The establishment of a Calendar of skills based sessions that are advertised and available for homeless youth across Inner Western and Southern Sydney. The sessions will be tailored to the needs identified by services and flexibility delivered in a range of locations. They will complement services already being delivered to the target group.	Maureen Eagles Ph: 02 8709 9333

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Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, trading as Catholic Care - Centacare	CONNECT 200	Life Skills/Training Program	NSW	Toronto, Morisset, Cooranbong, Mirrabooka, Wangi Wangi, Windale, Tanilba Bay, Lemon Tree Passage, Raymond Terrace	This project targets highly disadvantaged people of working age in Southlakes, Lake Macquarie, Windale and Port Stephens. It involves an innovative partnership between community, industry and relevant stakeholders that offers placed-based, community focussed solutions to address barriers to employment for groups of the most disadvantaged job seekers. Local industry skills shortage audits will be conducted and form the foundation for the local project planning.	Liz MacDonald Ph: 02 4979 1356
UCA Assembly Ltd on behalf of Wesley Mission Sydney	Best Options Youth Mentoring	One-to-one mentoring and training in Community Services Support Work	NSW	Eurobodalla & Port Macquarie	This project to be conducted in Eurobodalla and Port Macquarie will provide for mentoring of highly disadvantaged young people identified as behaviourally affected who would most benefit from one-to-one mentoring (i.e. 15-24 year old students who are at school-to-work transition age). The mentors will include disadvantaged job seekers who will be doing the mentoring as part of accredited training in Community Services Support Work. It will also provide training in mentoring for community-minded volunteers so as to ensure a pool of mentors for identified young people.	Mike Crowhurst Ph: 02 6588 1700 (Port Macquarie) Samantha Roles Ph: 02 4472 6399 (Eurobodalla)
STEPS Disability Qld Inc	Building Capacity through Art - The Meeting Place	Life Skills and Training Program	NT	Alice Springs	The project aims to build the capacity of indigenous job seekers through participation in a holistic project that provides vocational and life skills training and sustainable employment opportunities with strong community engagement. The establishment of an interactive tourist centre in Alice Springs named "The Meeting Place" will bring Indigenous artists, a retail shop, bush tucker garden, together with visitors who will share in the Indigenous culture and story telling through art in an interactive and supportive environment. This project will provide support to 180 participants over a 36 month period.	John Conway PO Box 1184 Maroochydore QLD 4558 Ph: 07 5458 3033
Assisting Collaborative Community Employment Support Services Inc	Business and Social Enterprise (BASE) Project	Training/Life Skills Program	QLD	Logan, Beenleigh	Under the BASE project, local enterprises are developed to respond to needs in the community. The enterprises will provide a diverse range of services to the community. Initial proposed enterprises include gardening and home maintenance in the public housing estates, Organic Garden Produce, Removal Business and Aged Care and Child Relief Work Agency. Income developed from the project is reinvested in the enterprise to generate local solutions for the community such as providing job seekers with the opportunity to gain accredited training, work experience and develop skills for future employment. This project will provide support to 100 participants over a 36 month period. The program will be delivered in the following locations: Logan and Beenleigh QLD.	Michael Krafft PO Box 10 Woodridge QLD 4114 Ph: 07 3412 8222 Email: michaelk@asi.org.au

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Jaragun Pty/Ltd	Indigenous Training and Employment in the Aquaculture Industry	Work Skills Program	QLD	Cowley	The project addresses a barrier to Indigenous employment in the aquaculture/seafood industries by providing 21 job seekers with an integrated package of TAFE delivered Certificate I in Aquaculture and skills development provided on site at Barramundi Waters, Cowley. This project will support 21 participants over five months.	Dennis Ah-Kee 45 Jamieson Close Gordonvale QLD 4865 Ph: 0400 558 381 or 07 4056 6707 Email: Dennis.jaragun@bigpond.com
Twin Rivers Community Care Association Inc	The Eagleby Community Garden Project	Life Skills/Training Program	QLD	Eagleby	This project includes formal instruction and practical application of gardening techniques. Construction and maintenance of: water-wise vegetables, herbs and flower garden beds, bush tucker, egg-laying chicken and coop, propagation shed and seed raising, fruit trees, composting, worm farms. It features: harvesting, menu planning, food preparation and nutrition. The project fosters social inclusion for local unemployed people to work collaboratively with community groups and the general community. Participants are offered Certificate I in Agri-Food (Pathways) and gain an insight into other employment and education areas including: office skills, hospitality, catering, tourism, construction and landscaping. The project will provide support to 25 participants over three months.	Samantha Camilleri PO Box 5007 Eagleby QLD 4207 Ph: 07 3382 4000 sam@trcare.org.au
Australian Training Alliance	Intensive Support Workforce Preparation Program	Life Skills Program/ Indigenous/CALD/ Disability/Youth	SA	Northern Adelaide ESA, Western Adelaide ESA, Port Augusta, Port Lincoln, Ceduna - Project based out of West Lakes	This project aims to provide a minimum of 180 severely disadvantaged job seekers drawn from the Southern Northern and Western suburbs of Adelaide from the Spence Gulf and Eyre Peninsula/Ceduna regions of South Australia with a 12 week work force preparation program that will address both personal development and work readiness issues and achieve significant, social inclusion, training and employment outcomes for most participants.	Justin Scripps Unit 9, 153 Brebner Drive West Lakes SA 5021 Ph: 08 8355 6666 Fax 08 8355 6665 Email: Justin@australiantrainingalliance.com.au
BoysTown	Fresh Start Literacy	Life Skills/Training Program	SA	Elizabeth, Salisbury, Tea Tree Gully	This project targets young marginalised people in northern and western Adelaide who have experienced failure in mainstream education settings and have low literacy/numeracy levels. It involves trialling a new model for delivery of remedial literacy/numeracy education. The project will be undertaken in the following regions: Elizabeth, Salisbury and Tea Tree Gully.	Brendan Bourke Ph: 07 38671278 Email: bbourke@boystown.com.au

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Community Bridging Services (CBS) Inc	Youthinc Employment Project	Industry model to engage LTU youth, which can be replicated by other employers	SA	Munno Para, Fairview Park, Frewville, Pasadena, Findon	The aim of this project is to assist a minimum of 95 disadvantaged and highly disadvantaged young job seekers into ongoing employment and to develop a retail industry model that can be expanded by other private employers. The project will involve staged introductions of up to 11 groups of employees (one group per calendar month – except December 2009) in the South Australia retail sector. A process of continuous improvement will be applied to the development of policies, procedures and practices. The Project Model will be developed and documented throughout the initial 15 month period and the model will be promoted throughout the retail industry upon conclusion of the funding period (September 2010). The project will be delivered in the following locations: Munno Para, Fairview Park, Frewville, Pasadena and Findon.	Rebecca McBain C/- TAFE SA Blacks Road Gilles Plains SA 5086 Mob: 0400 271 139 Email: rebecca.mcbaire@tafesa.edu.au
Adult Multicultural Education services	Green Works Social Enterprises: Start-up Phase	Training Program	VIC	Brunswick, East Brunswick	The project is the Start-up Phase of Green Works Social Enterprises. The project aims to increase economic participation for marginalised job seekers from Cultural and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds through hands-on training and by generating permanent or intermediate labour market opportunities. The Start-up Phase will focus on fresh produce distribution and will develop an enterprise to deliver organic Fruit and Vegetable Packs to workplaces. Green Works Social Enterprises will focus on low carbon initiatives in the growing green collar sector starting with a local fresh produce distribution business that connects local grower groups with urban consumers then scaling up over 3 years to include a diverse range of training and employment opportunities in environmentally friendly practices and climate change initiatives. The program will be delivered in the following locations: Brunswick and East Brunswick.	Josephine Boffa Ph: 03 9938 4784 Email: boffaj@ames.net.au
Box Hill Institute of TAFE	Our Patch	Develop a community garden to grow, sell and distribute organic plants and vegetables.	VIC	Doncaster	This project targets a range of disadvantaged job seekers including those with a disability, Indigenous Job seekers, youth at risk and those from a culturally and linguistically diverse background. Our Patch is a Social Enterprise project that will develop a community garden in Doncaster to grow and sell organic plant and vegetable produce.	Kylie Dillon, Executive Manager Projects, Enterprise Services Ph: 03 9286 9984 Email: k.dillon@bhatafe.edu.au

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Brotherhood of St Laurence	Yarra Centre for Work and Learning	Training and Work experience	VIC	Richmond, Collingwood, Fitzroy	The YCWL is a demonstration project promoting work and learning opportunities in public housing neighbourhoods with high concentrations of worklessness. It will coordinate the efforts of Job Services Australia providers, employers, enterprises and industry groups, training organisations and community and government support services. The Centre will do this by aggregating employer demand and job seeker supply, working closely with public housing residents' groups, offering access to accredited and non-accredited pre-vocational training, developing community projects that create supported paid and unpaid work experience opportunities and increasing access to life skills education such as English and financial literacy training. The program will primarily be delivered in Fitzroy.	Dr May Lam 67 Brunswick Street Fitzroy VIC 3065 Ph: 03 9483 1128 mlam@bsl.org.au
Community Colleges Victoria Inc. (lead agent - Upper Yarra Community House Inc, member of Community Colleges Victoria	Making Trax	Training/Mentoring Program	VIC	Yarra Junction, Benalla, Bairnsdale	Making Trax is a program for young men aged 16-25 who face barriers to successful participation in the community as a result of childhood trauma, violence, abuse and neglect. Through group activities, mentoring and individual counselling the program aims to assist these young men to, identify the impact of these experiences on their lives, to explore such impact on their subsequent ability to successfully participate in personal relationships, parenting and employment, to identify and address learned behaviours which have arisen as a result of their life experiences, and to develop strategies to overcome the negative impact of such behaviours, to provide skilled and committed mature male program leaders, mentors and role models to positively assist them to address the barriers caused by such life experiences, to build the capacity of each individual to successfully participate in the community, and to participate in future program development	Sally Brennan Ph: 03 59691776
Jesuit Social Services	Kitchen Social Enterprise	Building of a sustainable social enterprise, by transforming 'The Kitchen' into a sustainable social enterprise.	VIC	Abbotsford	To build a sustainable place-based social enterprise, by transforming an innovative hospitality program 'The Kitchen' into a sustainable social enterprise based on rigorous work and business principles in order to expand the capacity to provide work placements, accredited training and pathways into jobs for disadvantaged job seekers in inner Melbourne. This will be achieved through implementing an integrated business model with a strategy to grow the business, which will provide an increasing number of training opportunities over time. The project will particularly target ex-offenders and those with complex needs. The enterprise will be underpinned by a strong primary partnership with WISE Employment; a retention strategy via mentoring and contracted case management to address non-vocational barriers to employment; and the development of industry links in the hospitality and marketing fields to increase employment opportunities. The program will be delivered in Abbotsford.	Julie Edwards 371 Church street Richmond VIC 3121 PO Box 271 Richmond VIC 3121 Ph: 94277388 Fax: 9427 1819 Email: Pamela.webb@jss.org.au

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Job Futures	Growing Towards Employment	Life Skills/Training	VIC	Geelong	Diversitat, which is responsible for settling refugees in Geelong, will establish a horticultural social enterprise to provide learning and employment pathways for refugees in Geelong at its Northern Hub site. Activities will include growing produce, transporting, distributing and selling produce. Local employers will be approached to provide presentations and work placement and employment opportunities.	Tony Jenkins Ph: 03 5221 6044 Fax: 03 5223 2848 Email: tony.jenkins@diversitat.org.au
Social Firms Australia Ltd	Local Employment Access partnerships (LEAP) for Job seekers with Mental Illness	Clinical Training Program	VIC	Footscray, Prahran, St.Kilda, Dandenong, North Melbourne, Preston, Maryborough (Vic)	SoFA will establish six place-based, multi-disciplinary partnerships to assist up to 334 job seekers to complete Health Optimisation Program for Employment (HOPE) Training. It is anticipated that a minimum of 33 participants to achieve employment of 8 hours a week for a minimum of 13 weeks.	Caroline Crosse & Dea Morgain Loft 10/49 Smith St, Fitzroy VIC 3065 Ph: 03 9445 0373 Fax: 03 9445 0375 Email: info@socialfirms.org.au www.socialfirms.org.au
Social Firms Australia Ltd	Creating jobs for people with mental illness or disability through social enterprise	Partner with ESPs and other stakeholders to establish viable social firms - by integrating paid employment, skills training and mentoring with voc rehab, workplace modifications and clinical support	VIC (Potentially National)	Dandenong (VIC), Maryborough (VIC), the ACT, Townsville, Cairns, Maroochydore (QLD)	The project will support the establishment of two social enterprises per year over the term of the Agreement. Over the three-year period, the social enterprises will provide employment for a minimum 161 part-time jobs (65 Full Time Equivalent) for workers with a mental illness or disability. The social enterprises will also provide employment for people without a disability over the term of the Agreement.	Caroline Crosse & Susan Bowman Loft 10/49 Smith St, Fitzroy VIC 3065 Ph: 03 9445 0373 Fax: 03 9445 0375 Email: info@socialfirms.org.au www.socialfirms.org.au
AMA Services	Good Health - Great Future	Training/Support Program	WA	Kwinana/Rockingham	The project is based on a mobile bus facility to provide integrated services to the local Indigenous community around Kwinana/Rockhampton. This includes health information and support; basic health checks; information and access to health services and programs within the community; training in literacy and numeracy; pre-employment support such as career guidance, goal setting, self esteem, interview skills, basic budgeting and computer literacy; provide information and referrals to training, Indigenous Employment and other Employment Service providers; and "community activity days" to showcase Indigenous culture, incorporating community elders, role models, service providers and employers.	Ms Chris Rtshiladze Manager Recruitment & Employment 14 Stirling Highway, Nedlands WA 6009 PO Box 113, Nedlands WA 6909 Ph: 08 92733033 Fax: 08 9273 3043 Email: chris.rtshiladze@amawa.com.au

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Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors Inc	FIRST STEPS PROJECT	Support and Mentoring Program	WA	North Metropolitan Perth	The project will explore the feasibility of adapting the STEP ERS model, successfully implemented with Indigenous people, to the culturally and linguistically diverse (CaLD) and refugee client group. The project will be undertaken in the North Metropolitan area of Perth and engage a minimum of 85 CaLD and refugee clients. This trial will target specific individuals and cultural groups experiencing significant barriers preventing employment sustainability who are assessed as being at extreme disadvantage and unlikely to be successfully placed in employment without specialist support and mentoring. The First Steps Program will predominantly accept referrals from CaLD and torture/trauma victim job seekers who; have in access of four barriers to work; have a diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) of PTSD symptoms and/or a significant mental health problems, and have no formal education or employment skills.	Ms Alenka Jeram, Innovation Coordinator 6 Brewer Place, Mirrabooka WA 6061 Ph: 08 9440 9800 Fax: 08 9440 9877 Email: alenka.jeram@asetts.org.au Website: www.asetts.org.au
Joondalup	Community Youth Outreach Program	Outreach Program	WA	Clarkson, Joondalup	The JYSS Community Outreach Program will provide young people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and are disengaged from mainstream systems the opportunity to work intensively with a Youth Worker to re-engage with these systems. The program will focus on addressing the social barriers preventing them from engaging in healthy fulfilling lives. The ultimate mission is to engage them, address their social barriers and provide positive opportunities that will impact on their ability to be socially included. The program will focus on youth leaving state care into homelessness and rough sleepers. The program will be delivered in the following locations: Clarkson and Joondalup.	Ms Kate Baker Employment, Education & Training Co-ordinator 3/70 Davidson Tce, Joondalup WA 6027 Ph: 08 9300 2677 Fax: 08 9300 1565 Email: kate@jyss.org.au
TAFEWA Kimberley	Community Employment & Training Officers (CETO's)	Training/enrolment in TAFE courses	WA	Kalumbaru, Balgo, Noonkanbah, Yiyilli, Mowamjun, Bidydanga, Beagle Bay, Lombadina, Djarindjin, One Arm Point (The Kimberley WA)	The project will engage, train and place ten Indigenous people at ten remote Indigenous communities across the Kimberley region to provide training support, workplace assessment, training delivery and build capacity in remote Aboriginal communities. The program will be delivered in the following locations: Kulumbaru, Balgo, Nookembah, Yiyilli, Mowanjum, Bidydanga, Boagel bay, Lombadina, Djarindijn, One Arm Point (the Kimberley WA).	Mr Richard Agar Manager Indigenous Projects Unit Cnr Coolibah Drive and Ironwood Drive, Broome WA 6743 PO Box 1380, Broome WA 6725 Ph: 08 9192 9100 Fax: 08 9192 9111 Email: richard.agar@kimtafe.wa.edu.au