

Video Title: Roundtable

Transcript:

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Event: 2008 Australian Apprenticeships Roundtable

Intro:

[Images of the attendees and 2008 Australian Apprenticeships Roundtable in progress with music]

[Logo: Australian Apprenticeships. Your Life. Your Career. Your Future]

[Logo: Australian Government Initiative]

[Logo: 2008 Australian Apprenticeships Roundtable]

[Video: attendees on the way to Parliament House, Canberra]

Attendee, Mitch Lyons: I think the most outstanding thing I've come across in the Roundtable is seeing all these viewpoints put across from all these different apprenticeships and trainees from across Australia. We have all these different industries that have all these different problems and we're all working together to make a difference.

Attendee, Catlin Cox: Probably the outstanding thing I have learnt is all the different apprenticeships that are out there and all the different options that are available through apprenticeships and traineeships at the moment and the wide range of experience that you can gain through studying vocational education.

[Video: attendees talking together at the conference]

Attendee, Mathew Beavis: What brought me to the Roundtable? Well, desire to express the viewpoints of my fellow peers both in the workplace and in the learning environment.

[Video: attendees in discussion at the conference at a round table]

Attendee, Anthony Palasrinne: I think the Roundtable will benefit me in that I'll have gained a lot more confidence in myself and pursue the things that I'm really passionate about.

[Video: apprentices and trainees in the workplace and the classroom]

[Video: attendees talking together at the conference]

Attendee, Leonard Butler: I came to the Roundtable because I saw as a really good opportunity to be part of something at a national scale, to be part of the future of

apprentices and trainees and improving their lot. I have personal experiences, good and bad. I'd like to see the good parts improved and the bad parts turned into good points for the next generation. It's something I found a passion for, not only the training but I enjoy getting out there and being part of something really important.

[Video: attendees together with The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard at the conference]

The Deputy Prime Minister, the Hon. Julia Gillard: We want to convey the Government's thanks to you (the attendees) individually for making the effort, to your employers for allowing you to come and for releasing you from work for this period and can I say, just keep doing what you're doing which is obviously chipping in your ideas in a very enthusiastic spirit and we'll make sure we are listening to those ideas so that we can improve things for Australian apprentices now and into the future.

Attendee, Catlin Cox: I think it will have a positive impact in increasing the success rate of Australian apprentices and trainees at the moment and I think it will give a good opportunity for people to really feel their opinions are valued and acknowledged throughout the system

Attendee, George Brown: It's been very encouraging and a very optimistic outlook on where we can go in the future

Attendee, Mitch Lyons: And I think once we have all our ideas and have all our surveys and information in place we can make a difference to a lot of people's lives in general

Attendee, Warwick Johnstone: I take away a lot of knowledge and new contacts from the whole round table experience. I've met a few good people and have definitely learnt a lot in the last few days and hope to learn a lot more

[Video: attendees talking together at the conference]

Attendee, Mathew Beavis: I hope to take away from the roundtable renewed confidence in the government's ability to listen to apprentices and also enact on their opinions and make excellent decisions on the future of apprenticeships in Australia

[Video: attendees talking together and individually at the conference]

Attendee, Angelina Kastamonitis: I'd like to take away a more positive look and hopefully more confidence that things will change for trainees and apprentices and also, I need confidence that's my main focus really

I see myself and my career going forward from this point is in this industry and having this under my belt and saying that I've been on the roundtable and saying that I made a difference to apprentices around Australia will make a big difference

to me especially in that maybe later on in life I'll take being a field officer and seeing this more up front

[Video: attendees talking together and individually at the conference]

Attendee, Anthony Palasrinne: As a result of the roundtable meetings I'd like to see policy that's going to help the next generation of apprentices come through to become better tradespeople

Attendee, Leonard Butler: Personally the networking is a good step forward, career wise this looks fantastic on my resume

Attendee, Mitch Lyons: And by the completion of this program I'd like to be able to look back and say we have had a positive influence on the future training

Attendee, Catlin Cox: I'd like to see the issues we have brought up addressed by the government and to see if there are ways that we can work around to make a change to make the success of Australian apprenticeships even bigger than it already is

[Video: Attendees as a group waving outside old parliament house]

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