
Free Worklinks program helps youth get work ready

Registered training organisation Worklinks is offering a free program designed to give unemployed teenagers in the north Brisbane region much-needed support in their efforts to enter the workforce.

The Get Set For Work program is funded by the Queensland Government under the Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative. Get Set for Work funds intensive employment and training assistance over 12 months to young, disengaged Queenslanders aged 15–19 years. Participants will gain the skills and confidence to enter the workforce, go on to further training or go back and complete school.

Worklinks CEO Jan Robinson said the program aimed to build both skills and confidence to enable participants to transition into paid employment, further training or return to school.

“This program is particularly suited to young people who need a job but, for whatever reason, can’t secure work and don’t know where to go for help,” Ms Robinson said.

“The program includes a mix of training, workshops and work experience in a friendly and supportive environment to ensure participants get a broad range of real-life skills that they can add to their resume as well as support in finding employment.

“We’re delighted to be able to offer this extremely valuable program free to eligible youth and I would encourage anyone interested to contact our team as we currently have a number of positions available.”

The Get Set For Work program runs for 12-20 weeks, depending on the participant’s needs, across four Worklinks locations in Mitchelton, Kippa-Ring, Strathpine and Caboolture.

It offers a blend of workshop-based and workplace-based participation including two days per week of work experience, career advice, guest speakers and work site visits.

Participants will also undertake a SIR20216 Certificate II in Retail Services and barista training (no cost to participants) as well as develop skills in resume and cover letter writing, job preparation and interviews, and goal planning.

Industry standard training is conducted by qualified facilitators and literacy and numeracy support is available with a qualified registered teacher, as well as case management by social and youth workers.

To be eligible, applicants should be aged between 15-19 years, not currently enrolled at school and not receiving allowance or payment from Centrelink.

Worklinks is a not-for-profit community organisation established in 1997 that provides employment and training services to the local community, including students, recent school leavers and mature-aged people.

Worklinks offers quality services and programs tailored to individual needs and based on strong community networks and partnerships, which are backed by a dedicated, experienced and friendly team.

For more details on the Get Set For Work program, contact Worklinks on 1300 852 359 or visit the website at www.worklinks.com.au.

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