HELPING YOUNG JOBSEEKERS KICK GOALS IN THE WORKPLACE

A new program is helping young jobseekers in Melbourne’s south-eastern suburbs find sustainable work and make a difference in their local communities.

Not-for-profit charity AFL SportsReady and the Centre for Multicultural Youth (CMY) have joined forces to create the Pathways to Work program – supporting young people from culturally-diverse backgrounds.

The program will help place 100 young people into jobs over four years across the cities of Casey and Dandenong.

It offers tailored work experience placements that range from one-day ‘work tasters’ to full-time four week placements, helping young people build skills and obtain local referees to strengthen their resumes.

Over the past 20 years, AFL SportsReady has helped almost 13,000 young people – including more than 1,700 Aboriginal jobseekers – find work across a number of industries.

AFL SportsReady has linked up with more than 700 partner organisations including large companies, professional sporting clubs, schools and many smaller businesses which help young people find work.

The Pathways to Work program is also supported by the work of CMY which has extensive experience in supporting culturally diverse communities and provides the expertise required to inspire young people to gain employment.

The $53 million Jobs Victoria program is the state’s biggest ever employment drive and will help more than 4,000 Victorians who face barriers to employment find meaningful work.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Industry and Employment Wade Noonan

“Many young Victorians face barriers to employment in their local communities – and we want to turn this around.”

“This program – bringing together two highly-respected organisations – will change the lives of young people by giving them opportunities to shine in the workplace.”

Quotes attributable to Member for Dandenong Gabrielle Williams

“This is a great initiative to support young jobseekers across Dandenong and Casey.”

“From work experience placements to full-time employment – it’s giving our young people a foot in the door, and helping them make a valued contribution to their local communities.”