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Happy New Year!

Welcome to the January 2009 edition of the Inner Eastern LLEN E-bulletin. Please feel free to forward this electronic newsletter to your contacts. If you have information you would like to be included in a future issue of this bulletin, please email Felicity Cramp fcramp@iellen.org.au

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Executive Officer Update

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to work!

I am excited about the established projects and the range of new initiatives that will be implemented in our community in 2009. Undoubtedly there will be challenges and some necessary changes too.

In 2008 the IELLEN worked with both the Southern Metropolitan Region and Eastern Metropolitan Region of DEECD to further develop the Youth Commitment across both regions

Locally the IELLEN worked throughout 2008 with local stakeholders to establish Youth Commitment Community Reference groups in Boroondara and also in Stonnington and Port Phillip. We are hoping to see the local Youth Commitment gain further momentum in 2009 with the development of a strategic plan aimed at local issues.

In 2009 the IELLEN will continue to work collaboratively with Gateway LLEN to broker a partnership with the Police in Boroondara, Whitehorse and Manningham. In Stonnington and Port Phillip the IELLEN will also continue to work with the local Police Youth Resource Officer and other stakeholders to develop a local police project. These projects will identify and refer young people who have come to the attention of the police and have personal issues, to the appropriate services. Hopefully we will see a reduced instance of youth recidivism. In 2009 we hope to see at least one pilot Police Project implemented in the IELLEN area.

It is only with the level of collaboration and stakeholder engagement that we saw in 2008 that any of these projects and initiatives can be successful and sustainable. So to the all those people and organizations involved, thank you for your dedication and efforts and welcome aboard for another year!

Regards

Gill Meek
Executive Officer
IELLEN

IELLEN Relocation



The IELLEN relocated late 2008. Our new office is located at **Suite 1/107 Wellington St, St Kilda 3182.**

Unfortunately we were unable to keep our old phone numbers. Our new contact numbers are ph: **9510 5444** and fax: **9510 6444.**

Education Links

[Effective Strategies to Increase School Completion](#)

This Report was commissioned by the Youth Transitions Division and developed by Associate Professor Stephen Lamb and Dr Suzanne Rice from the University of Melbourne. The Report identifies effective intervention strategies to improve student engagement and increase rates of school completion that are within the capacity of the school to deliver.

[A Guide to Help Schools Increase School Completion](#)

This Guide explores how schools can plan and implement the strategies to improve student engagement and increase student retention and how to put these effective strategies to work in the school and community.

[A Guide to Engaging Business for Youth Mentoring Organisations](#)

Do you need more assistance with engaging businesses to provide support for your youth mentoring organisation? The Victorian Government has just released a new document called 'A Guide to Engaging Business for Youth Mentoring Organisations'.

[Generations and Social Change: Negotiating Adulthood in the 21st Century](#)

Report on the Life-Patterns Research Program: 2005 – 2007

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Southern Youth Commitment Launch



The Southern Youth Commitment was launched at the Dingley International Hotel on 28th October 2008.

The Southern Youth Commitment (SYC) is a strategy and a philosophy which recognises that all members of the community have a role to play in ensuring that young people have the opportunity to complete Year 12 or its equivalent. It is led by a partnership group made up of representatives from the DEECD Southern Metropolitan Region, Inner Eastern LLEN, Bayside Glen Eira Kingston LLEN, South Eastern LLEN, Frankston Mornington Peninsula LLEN, Adult Community & Further Education Council and Holmesglen and Chisholm Institutes of TAFE. Catholic Education Office, Association of Independent Schools Victoria.

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The City of Port Phillip in 2009 is running free training workshops for individuals, community groups and businesses. These sessions include Grant Writing Workshops, Community Leadership Training and Parent Education Sessions.

For more further details visit www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/community_training.html

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IELLEN Youth Mentoring Program

The IELLEN Youth Mentoring program will be running again in 2009. The program is run for 'at risk' young people between the ages of 15 and 19 who can benefit from social support and pathway planning.

The IELLEN is currently recruiting volunteer mentors over 21 years who are able to commit to around 1-2 hours a fortnight (or as arranged by young person and mentor), are willing to participate in training and undergo a Victorian Police Working with Children Check.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor please contact Penny Smith psmith@iellen.org.au or 9510 5444.

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In Memory of Christine Garner 08/10/1986 – 26/11/2008



In December we received the very sad news that Christine Garner died tragically in late November. Christine had in the past been a participant in local community education programs and the IELLEN Youth Mentoring Program.

Christine was a lovely young woman who had struggled for some time with a number of personal issues. Her IELLEN mentor worked very closely with her and provided her with dedicated and enthusiastic support over the last couple of years. We wish her and Christine's friends and family condolences during this difficult time.

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Upcoming Events and Important Dates

Mon 26th Jan	Australia Day
Tue 27th Jan	School Term 1 begins Stonnington and Port Phillip Police Project reference group meeting (3pm)
Fri 30th Jan	IELLEN Membership Surveys due
Tue 3rd Feb	IELLEN Committee of Management Meeting (3pm)
Tue 24th Feb	Port Phillip Youth Education and Community Network Strategic Planning Day (9am)
Tue 3rd March	IELLEN VCAL and Community Education Cluster (10.30am)
Wed 4th Feb	Stonnington & Port Phillip Youth Commitment Meeting (10am)
Tue 10th Feb	Boroondara Youth Commitment Team Meeting (10am)
Mon 9th March	Labour Day
Tue 10th March	Stonnington Youth Network Meeting (10am) IELLEN Committee of Management Meeting (3pm)

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