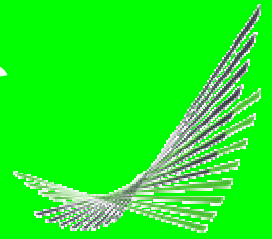


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INNER EASTERN LOCAL LEARNING & EMPLOYMENT NETWORK



Jacinta Allan MP & Renee Cannon

L-R: Anne Clifford (Coles Myer), Mike Fogarty (Swinburne Senior Secondary College), Tara Peters, Renee Cannon, Penny Smith, Elishia Blackburn, Jack Melbourne (IEELLEN Chair), Gill Meek (IEELLEN EO), Jacinta Allan MP

Community Cabinet in the City of Port Phillip

Jacinta Allan MP visits the IEELLEN for Industry Education Awards presentation

Members of the State Government held a cabinet meeting in the City of Port Phillip on Monday 29th of August. Cabinet Ministers were invited to attend the inaugural IEELLEN Industry in Education Awards, presented to 3 Senior VCAL students who are coming to the end of their SBNA. VCAL students Tara Peters, Renee Cannon, & Elishia Blackburn began an SBNA with Coles Myer in the IEELLEN Coles Myer pilot in 2004.

The Minister for Education Services & Minister for Employment and Youth Affairs, and member for Bendigo East, Jacinta Allan MP attended to address the IEELLEN staff and partner stakeholders and present the awards.



Jacinta Allan MP & Tara Peters



Jacinta Allan MP & Elishia Blackburn



The Mentor Program in Schools has continued to expand with increased demand for mentors coming from a wider selection of schools. The program commenced in 2003 with 12 mentors growing to 25 in 2005. Most mentors have continued for a second year with three of our mentors committing to a third year. Twelve new mentors were trained this year to join the group.

The mentors come from varying backgrounds including self employed, police personnel, a student, and individuals working in both public and private sectors. Mentors commit one hour a week to meet with a young person during school time for three terms of the school year. The mentors make a valuable contribution by assisting young people to gain skills and confidence by providing guidance and support enabling them to make better-informed decisions about their future career and employment prospects. Mentors also provide young people with valuable experience and understanding from an objective viewpoint.

So far the program is progressing well with most mentors and mentees reporting positive results from their relationships.

For more information contact:

Mentor program Coordinator Sue Carey on 0415 460 649 or secarey@hotmail.com



On Track is now complete for 2005. There were some similar trends to previous years, though numbers were down overall across the board. Again, around 20% of the students had in fact already secured places at University, however the majority of these young people were still very interested in receiving assistance, and were in most cases seeking more employment and/or keen for further advice on their education options. A number of young people are at risk of making a poor transition to tertiary studies, and represent an area of concern for the IELLEN, as there are relatively few other services available to them.

The IELLEN provided general job search and careers information to almost all those who were not referred on. Where possible, this also included specific course information and a brief follow-up call or email.

Where appropriate, the young people were referred to specialists in the relevant field of interest (at TAFEs), apprenticeship/group training organisations, and (if necessary) agencies such as Centrelink and JPET providers.

Importantly, the On Track project put the IELLEN in contact with a large number of young people who were not feeling completely content with their situation. It was a valuable experience to hear from so many about how they had ended up completing or leaving school and for what reasons, and what their plans/preferences were for the immediate and medium term (especially with respect to a common desire to combine work and study, or take time to work before further study). These ideas informed the design of the IELLEN's Careers Pathways Expo, and improved our knowledge of recent amendments to eligibility criteria for certain services.

Inner Eastern LLEN Career Pathways Expo 2005 → Event Report



L-R: Adrian Hain, Rhiannon Rackham (evaluation form raffle winner), Gill Meek (IELLEN EO, Acting)

Over 100 people braved a cold and wet Melbourne evening to attend this year's Career Pathways Expo, held at Prahran Neighbourhood House on August 9. The event was hosted by radio comedian Tim Smith, from Triple M's Deadset Legends program. Tim presented a panel of young people representing 6 pathways, each of whom spoke about their pathway experience. The panel were: Scott Wallace – Electrician, Tara Peters – VCAL student, Victoria Lanini – Beauty Therapist, Chris Salvage – Actor, Tim Broadbent – Apprentice Mechanic, Michelle Scollo – Hairdresser, Matt Kelly – Multimedia trainee.

Once Tim Smith had given each panel member the opportunity to tell their story, people were invited to peruse the stalls for information. The exhibitors were: Centrelink, Swinburne, Kangan, Box Hill, Victoria University, Holmesglen, RMIT & William Angliss TAFEs, General Motors Holden, Headmasters Acadmey, MEGT Group Training Company, Melbourne School of Sport & Recreation Management, Electrical Trades Union, Inner Melbourne VET Cluster, Incolink.

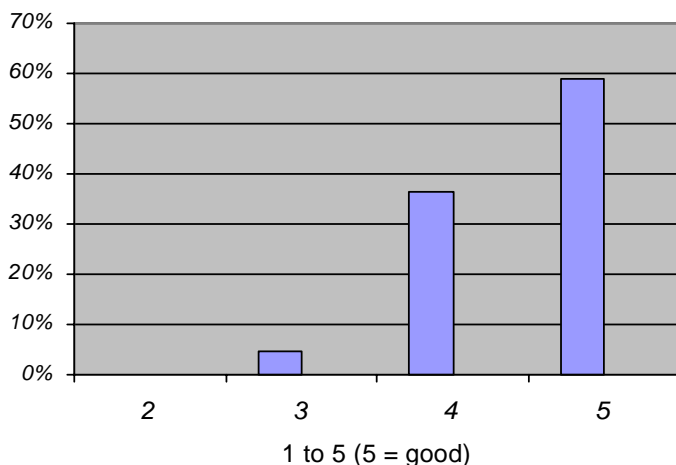
The event was video recorded by students from the IELLEN's Foundation VCAL program (who also assisted in setup and ushering) – DVDs will be available from the IELLEN shortly.

Overall feedback was very positive, as evaluation results below indicate.

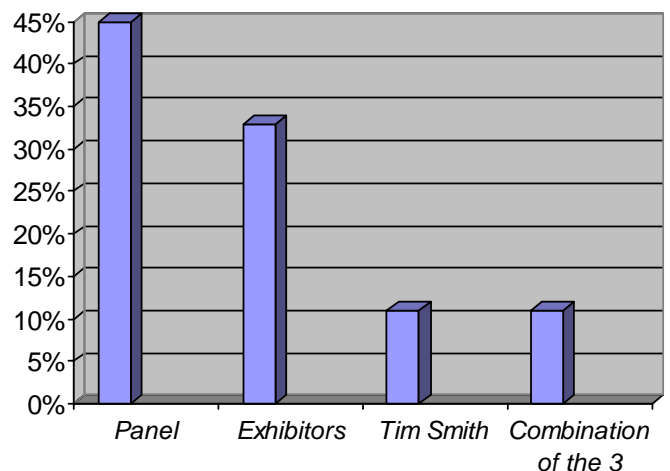
The IELLEN wishes to extend a huge thank you to Tim Smith for being such a Dearest Legend and donating his time to the Career Pathways Expo 2005.



How would you rate the Expo?



What was the best thing about the Expo?



Committee of Management update

The IELLEN regretfully accepted **Jose Abalo's** resignation from the Committee of Management, as he is moving from Camberwell Centrelink to the Oakleigh office. Jose was involved in the IELLEN from its inception, and was a committed and enthusiastic member of the Committee. He will be replaced by Centrelink colleague **Patricia Magliolo** who has taken over his role at the Camberwell office.

Carolyn Scriven is another long-standing Committee member who is retiring. She has been a valued member since the IELLEN's inception. Her advice and helpfulness were always much appreciated.

Jan McCaffery has moved to a new location and **Felicity Schievenin** (Jan's replacement at School Focussed Youth Services), is likely to take up her role on the Committee.



Jose Abalo (left)
&
Carolyn Scriven (right)



Other news: Some of our Swinburne TAFE Intermediate VCAL students have begun a new **Hospitality VET** with William Angliss.

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SKYS / IELLEN
Community VCAL 2005

Foundation (Multimedia)

Letter to the editor

Andrew Hamill-Smith
Stephanie Jackson
Ollie Wedd
Josh Armstrong
CJ Flannery
Adam Radovsky
Calum Henderson
Jenny Xiao

Kate Fennessy (Trainer)

Papunya watchers

We are a St Kilda Youth Service VCAL class. We have been reading about the problems at Papunya in *The Sunday Age* and are very upset.

We think the students in Papunya need better schooling, and things to do. They need a gym, swimming pool, an oval and other facilities, shops, music and instruments. They also need to be educated about nutrition and making good choices about food.

Also, maybe if they are not interested in the traditional ways, like painting, they should have a workshop on hip-hop or dancing.

It sounds like there is no chance for life in Papunya for young people. This is truly a shame for our nation.

ANDREW, STEPHANIE, OLLIE, JOSH
CJ, ADAM, CALLUM and JENNY
Prahran Neighbourhood House

Staffing news

Emma Crichton has left her role with the IELLEN's VCAL programs to take a position managing the HEAT (Hospitality, Employment & Training) program.

Kate Fennessy has taken up a position with SKYS, but is still working with our Foundation VCAL program and remains a valued member of the IELLEN team.

Mohana Maity and **Gayle Smith** have also joined our VCAL teaching staff in the Young Mums and Foundation programs.