

Annual General Meeting

The IE LLEN Annual General meeting was held on the 28th March at Prahran Neighbourhood House.

An enthusiastic audience heard from the Chair Jack Melbourne and the Executive Officer Gill Meek on the Inner Eastern IE LLEN's progress over the previous 12 months. Jack restated the aims and goals of the IE LLEN and thanked everybody for their commitment and assistance over the past year. Gill presented a comprehensive report backed by a colourful and power point collage covering the IE LLEN programs and events for 2005. It was certainly a busy year!! The highlight of the evening was guest speaker Clea Smith, Opening Bowler for the Australian Women's Cricket team and Vice Captain of the Victorian Women's Cricket team. Clea commended the IELLEN on their work, particularly the mentoring program. Giving a frank and refreshing insight into her life, Clea told the audience how much her mentors had influenced her to set and achieve her goals and also how they had contributed to her understanding of what makes a successful and fulfilling life.



IELLEN Annual Youth Forum 2006

TUESDAY MARCH 28TH
5.00 - 6.30 PM


CLEA SMITH
Opening bowler for the Southern Stars
Australian Women's Cricket Team


Prahran Neighbourhood House
40 Grattan St, Prahran

Free attendance
Nibbles and Drinks provided
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Bookings: 03 8598 9030

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Inner Eastern Local Learning & Employment Network's Annual General Meeting

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EO Gill Meek

Welcome to the April IELLEN Newsletter

In January this year, I was appointed to the position of IELLEN Executive Officer. I took up the Acting Executive Officer position in April 2005 when Cate Thompson resigned to take up a position with the Council of Adult Education (CAE).

I am looking forward to working with the IELLEN Committee of Management during 2006, to maintain and develop partnerships that will expand opportunities for young people within the IELLEN area.

Regards

Gill Meek - Executive Officer

This year we are fortunate to have Penny Smith as the new IELLEN Senior Project Officer. Penny comes with a wealth of experience in working with and for young people. Over the last 10 years Penny has worked intensively with at risk youth, developing and implementing a range of programs designed to reengage young learners in Education. At the IELLEN Penny will coordinate the Mentor Program, On Track Connect and On Track In Schools. Penny will also coordinate the Community VCAL programs and provide ongoing support to providers within the IELLEN through our VCAL and MIPs networks. Welcome Penny!



Jahved Crockett has also joined the IELLEN staff team this year to assist with computers and publicity. Jahved is a talented Graphic Arts student with a keen interest in youth affairs and travel. His key responsibilities will be maintaining our computer network and assisting with design and publishing of fliers and promotions for IELLEN events. Welcome Jahved!



Inner Melbourne VET Cluster



Late last year The Inner Melbourne VET Cluster (IMVC Incorporated) received Local Community Partnership (LCP) funding from Department of Education Science and Training (DEST). Due to the need for more staff they have now moved to larger offices in Coventry Street South Melbourne. Penny Vakakis heads the team as Executive Officer, Shey Aarts will be managing VET, Andrew Dexter, Linda Snoxall and Bernadette Gigliotti have also joined the team bringing with them their diverse range of knowledge, skills and experience. We wish Penny and the team every success in developing new opportunities for young people within our community and look forward to continuing a strong partnership with the IMVC Inc..

Mentor in School Program 2006

This is the 4th year of the Mentor in Schools Program and it has continued to expand. We have matched mentors with between 25 and 30 young people from a range of schools and community VCALs within the IELLEN. A very positive sign is that about half the mentors from 2005 have volunteered again this year. Training for the 12 new mentors has started with Karen Tweedie and the highlights of the first session were the guest speakers, Tara Peters, a mentee of 3 years and Joe Logan involved for 2 years as a mentor. Both guests talked from a personal perspective on what they have gained from their mentoring experience. Penny Smith

This year the IELLEN partnership Community VCAL programs are in their fourth year IELLEN. Since the IELLEN /Swinburne TAFE pilot program in 2003 the partnerships have grown to include Swinburne Senior Secondary College, St Kilda Youth Services and Prahran Neighbourhood House. The programs have also increased with all 3 levels of VCAL now available providing suitable pathways for a range of young people who have disengaged from mainstream education. In 2006 IELLEN will gradually hand over the running of the Foundation program and Young Mums program to St Kilda Youth Services. IELLEN will stay involved with all programs through the Steering Committee and continue to provide support to the programs on an individual basis and through the VCAL cluster.

International Women's Day

International Woman's Day
March 9
2006

For International Woman's Day on March 9th the Inner South Community Health Service (ISCHS) put on a celebration at Gasworks Arts Park. Our SKYS/IELLEN Foundation VCAL students were involved in this. (see below)

The VCAL students worked around the theme of 'women in our lives'. They were given disposable cameras to take home and take photos exploring the theme of 'Woman'. They made collages and painted pictures in their art class, they wrote stories and poems in their literacy class and produced a wonderfully colourful display at the Gasworks.

This was a great example of an engaging 'hands on' activity that suits VCAL students so well

Kate Fennessy was the overall organiser, Anne Hattam and Adam Whitbread were responsible for the Art work and the students written responses were done in Penny Smith's literacy class- so it was a great team effort!

Penny Smith and Kate Fennessy



VCAL students work on display at International Women's Day celebration



Part of the enthusiastic crowd at Gasworks Park on International Women's Day

IELLEN Making Education and Employment Work for Young People



On-Track Connect 2006

ON Track Connect 2006

The State government's On Track Connect Project is now underway. The On Track project provides support and advice for school leavers who have not established a pathway to further education, training or employment. In 2005 108 young people were referred to the IELLEN through the project. The young people may be assisted by the IELLEN or through referral to a range of education providers and community service depending on their needs and / or situation.

ON Track in Schools (OTIS)

The IELLEN On Track in Schools (OTIS) is an 'in house project' modelled on the state government's 'On Track Connect' project. The OTIS project was established in 2003 to support young people at risk of disengaging from education or training. IELLEN will continue the OTIS project in 2006. OTIS is one of the 10 state wide IELLEN projects selected to be presented at the Local Learning and Employment Networks Good Practice Forum in July this year.

What's New?

Are you interested in a career in hospitality?

For further information
Contact: Emma Crichton,
SKYS Training Centre
81 Lizard St, Port Melbourne.
phone **9676 9380**
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(SKYS St. Kilda Office)

First Stop –

A Youth Education, Training and Employment Resource Centre.

First Stop is a free service that helps young people make decisions about further education, training and employment pathways.



Who can use First Stop?:

Young people aged 15 + years old
Call us at First Stop to find out more!

Further information & appointments:

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