

LODDON MALLEE YOUTH COMMITMENT

Meeting: 26th February 2008
Venue: Swan Hill Conference room Murray Downs
Time: 10.00am
Present: Graeme Robertson, Graham Lynas, Bill Coppinger, John Geary, Fabian Reid, Jerri Nelson, Karen Douglas, Lindsay Short, Richards Francis, Glen Stewart, Ron Stanton, Gary Griffin, Inta Blake, Neville Sharpe.
Apologies: Christine Barry

1. Graeme Robertson welcomed everyone and set the context for the meeting. He presented a brief outline on the Youth Commitment that he had presented to all of the principals in the Loddon Mallee region highlighting the importance and the scope of the project.
2. LLEN presentations: Each LLEN made a short presentation on the background and the issues effecting Youth commitment across the Loddon Mallee region.
 - Glen Stewart made a presentation on the key trends and issues in his region.
 - Lindsay Short focused on a case study and on how the Youth Commitment was important to support young people.
 - Jerri Nelson spoke on the issues faced in the North central area that is experiencing declining enrolments and has no TAFE provision in its area!
 - John Geary spoke on the lessons from connect Central and on the issues involved in organising support for young people ion Castlemaine and Maryborough.
 - Bill Coppinger made a detailed presentation focusing on the macro and micro trends in the communities that his LLEN services.

The whole group discussed the draft values that Neville had tabled and agreed that they wanted a shorter and more focused list of values. The meeting broke up into three groups and returned with lists of the key values. After some discussion it was agreed that the following list should be the values for the Loddon Mallee region:

Purpose statement: *This is a young person at the centre approach where all of the partners are committed to successful outcomes.*

Under the Youth Commitment we value:

- Respect
- Innovation
- Support and collaboration
- Knowledge

Action: Neville to distribute the draft statement of values for each LLEN to consider and to provide feedback before the list is finalised.

3. Graham Lynas presented an overview of the VCAL& VETis review and the roles of Garry Griffin and Inter Blake in the region. The fosus will be on ateam and collaborative approach.

4. Graeme Robertson led a discussion on the need for regional representations on LLENs. It was agreed that there would be regular communication including regular meeting with the EOs and the Chairs of all LLENs with regional staff to improve communication and to focus on outcomes. At he next meeting we will update the project plan.

Action: The next meeting will take place during the 4th week of next term.

Thanks to Glen Stewart for booking the venue and arranging the catering.

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