

What is YEP?

The Smart Skilled & Hired Youth Employment Program (YEP) helps young people aged 15 to 24 overcome barriers to employment, and gain the skills and experience to improve their long-term job prospects and community involvement. This includes people in precarious employment due to reduced hours of work.

Participation is voluntary and driven by their needs and interests.

Each young person gets a tailored package of practical support including training, mentoring and a range of services to help address any barriers to securing a job and succeeding in their chosen field.

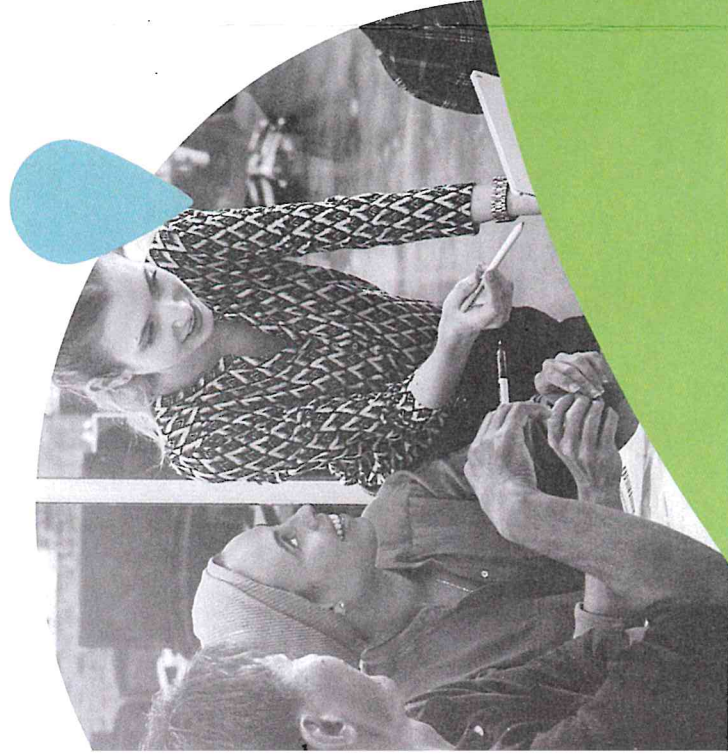
About yourtown

yourtown is a national community-based organisation with over 55 years' experience working with young people facing challenges to engaging in learning and work. We operate across four states, employing over 650 people and are committed to helping young people create brighter futures.

Since 2009, yourtown has placed over 16,000 young people into jobs. We deliver personal support, education, training and employment services at a local and national level.

We operate Kids Helpline, Parentline in QLD & NT, local parenting programmes and family refuges, providing counselling services and support.

Smart Skilled & Hired Youth Employment Program



Contact us to find out more!

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How it works

We'll help young people through a range of ways which may include:

- support to address personal challenges and barriers to employment
- support from mentors to assist during participation in the YEP program
- practical assistance to obtain a driver's licence or access to childcare
- help with literacy and numeracy
- accredited training to prepare for the workforce or complete further education
- exploring career options and pathways
- understanding workplace expectations and developing skills that employers want
- practical training in how to search for jobs, prepare quality resumes and job applications
- improving presentation and interview skills
- paid work and training in **yourtown's** Social Enterprises
- volunteering in local community projects and activities of interest
- personal development activities to build confidence and self-esteem
- finding suitable jobs
- working with existing employers to increase hours worked each week.

Once in a job, we provide up to six months of practical support to both the young person and their employer over the phone, by email or at workplace visits.

How we help

We'll help young people find:

- accredited education and training
- assistance with accommodation
- physical and mental health support
- childcare to help return to the workforce
- assistance with transport and driver's licence
- clothes, tools and equipment for work.

Eligibility

Our program is open to young people who:

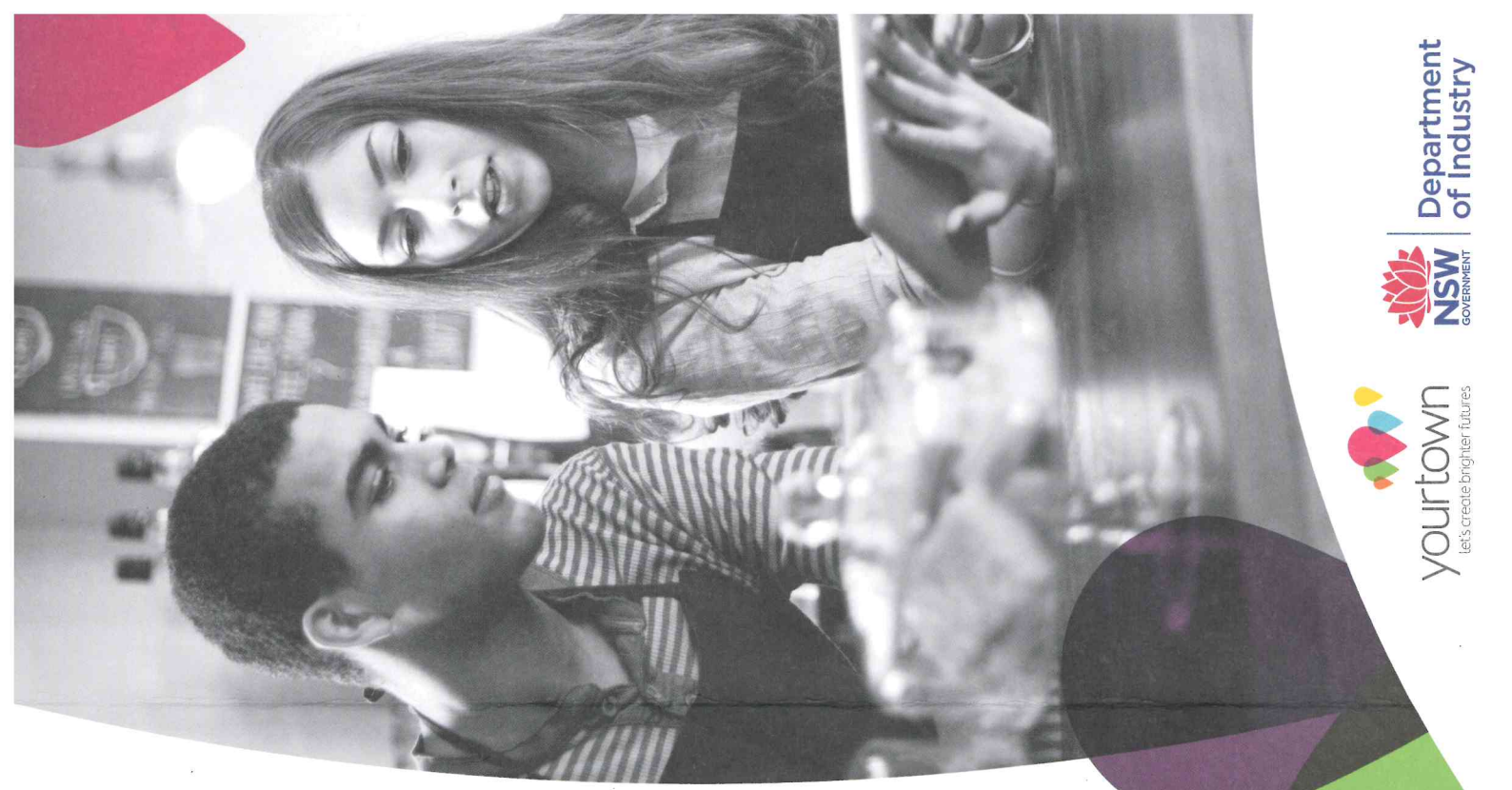
- are aged 15-24
- have not been in regular employment for over 52 weeks
- are not registered with a Commonwealth employment service, except in circumstances where complex/multiple barriers to engaging in work or education are present
- identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) or are Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD)
- are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, humanitarian visa holder (including refugee and humanitarian visa categories) or New Zealand citizen.

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