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HEC Action Group Network Newsletter

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The Youth Participation and Empowerment Stream funding has been announced to Waves of Wellness, Upfield Soccer Club and Banksia Gardens Community Services with projects to be delivered from 2023 to 2024. These projects implement a strong focus on mental health, social connection, skill-building, leadership, job readiness and education opportunities for young people in Hume.

Funding of \$43,230 will soon be available through the upcoming Youth-led Stream for young people aged between 14 to 24 living, working or studying in Hume to design and deliver a project supported by an auspice organisation of their choosing. The Youth-led Stream will be the final funding round of the Hume Empowering Communities Initiative, encouraging young people to lead community safety and crime prevention in Hume using their talents, skills and ideas.

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Announcing: Round 2 Stream 1 Funded Projects

Waves of Wellness - Empowering Young People through Surf Therapy

This project will include eight innovative, evidence-informed 8-week surf therapy programs for young people aged 12-24 in Hume who are at risk, or currently experiencing, mental health challenges, social isolation, and/or disengagement in the community. The project aims to increase opportunities for participation in community engagement, mental health support and physical activity, whilst creating a safe, supportive, and fun space for young people to develop meaningful community connections. The programs will be held at URBNSURF, Melbourne's wave pool in Tullamarine, running from August 2023 to June 2024 in blocks of 8-weeks duration.

Banksia Gardens Community Services – It's 4-U

It's-4-U is a primary crime prevention project using community development principles, targeting at-risk young people aged 10 to 24, to enhance their self-confidence, employability, and educational options. The program is based on three activity streams (horticulture/cooking, arts and fashion, and bike mechanics). The project will run for 12 months and work with 60 young people who will each be connected to one or more elements in the three activity streams. Action learning principles will be embedded in real-world projects, and participants will be able to see the impact of their work on the broader community.

Upfield Soccer Club – Young Refugees Kick-Start Training and Employment at the Upfield Soccer Club

The project will work with young people aged 15 to 24 years, who are recently arrived migrants and refugees from Iraq and Syria and have had little opportunity to pursue training and employment and face multiple barriers to entering employment. The Upfield Soccer Club is seeking suitably trained coaches, team managers and canteen staff and will work with young people over 12 months to facilitate training and employment for young people to work as coaches, team managers and canteen.

Upcoming: Hume Empowering Communities Youth-led Stream



In May 2023, young people will be invited to submit a creative video application such as Tik Tok or YouTube to showcase their project idea. Projects could include an event, art, sport or media-based activities, workshops, and more. The projects will be delivered throughout September 2023 to June 2024.

Young people will be asked to design, deliver and evaluate a project which aligns with the Hume Empowering Communities Round 2 common goal:

“Children and young people (8-24) are provided with opportunities to strengthen their engagement in education and/or employment, live in a safe and connected community, and have nurturing relationships with family or caregivers.”

Information for Hume organisations and young people will soon be published on the Hume Empowering Communities webpage in April 2023.

Additionally, workshops will be available to support young people design and deliver their projects.

If you are an organisation or young person inquiring about the Youth-led stream, please contact the Hume Empowering Communities team at:

humeempoweringcommunities@hume.vic.gov.au

or contact the Hume Empowering Communities Project Officer on 0456 565 015 on Tuesdays between 9am – 5pm.

Next Action Group Meeting

The next Action Group meeting will be held online on **Wednesday 15 February 2023** from **10am**.