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Hume Empowering Communities



Hume Empowering Communities Update

Happy New Year! Thank you for another successful year for the Hume Empowering Communities Program.

We are thrilled to announce the conclusion of Round 1 HEC Funding Projects. The funded groups Orygen/headspace, Northern Community Legal Centre, and Goonawarra Neighborhood House, Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network have completed their projects with many positive outcomes and impacts achieved.

For the Youth-led Grant funding, we have received project plans from all six funded groups. We look forward to seeing their projects come to life in the new year.

Last month, we hosted the HEC Action Group End of Year Showcase, bringing together our Action Group members and funded groups from all grant rounds. This event provided a platform for showcasing project updates and key outcomes. Attendees had the opportunity to network over afternoon tea to celebrate and reflect on the year.

LINKS

[Hume Empowering Communities](#)

[Hume Press Release](#)

[ITS4U project- Naughty Broady Online Shop](#)

[Where Safety Begins](#)

[Imagineering Plus](#)

[Headspace Craigieburn](#)

[Upfield Soccer Club](#)

[Waves of Wellness](#)

HEC End of Year Meeting Showcase Highlights:



On Tuesday 28 November, the Hume Empowering Communities Action Group hosted the HEC End-of-Year Showcase to celebrate the progress, outcomes, and achievements of the funded projects.



Kamaya Crawford, Senior Community Development Officer from DJCS, highlighted the importance of advocacy for funded groups moving forward as funding for the Empowering Communities Program is expected to conclude. Dr. Ruth Liston, Lecturer in Criminology from Victoria University, presented an update on her evaluation work of the Empowering Communities Initiative.



The meeting also featured presentations from several funded projects, all designed with the purpose of enhancing perceptions of safety among young people in the Hume Community:

- **Banksia Gardens: ITS4U Project** (Round 2, Stream 1) – presented by Teish and Sunday
- **Hume Whittlesea LLEN: Imagineering Plus Project** (Round 1, Stream 1) – presented by Kim Stadtmiller
- **Headspace/Orygen: Headstrong Podcast** (Round 1, Stream 2) – presented by Alicia and Lauren
- **Northern Community Legal Centre: Where Safety Begins** (Round 1, Stream 1) – presented by Audrey Dalton-Power



If you are an organisation or a young person interested in learning more about any of these projects, contact us at HumeEmpoweringCommunities@hume.vic.gov.au or call the **Hume Empowering Communities Project Officer on 0419 576 895.**

ITS4U Program Update:

Naughty Broady Market featured on Channel 9 News and launched their online shop!

The It's-4-U program hosted another successful Naughty Broady Makers Market on Thursday 30 November, marking the launch of their new online shop.

The market featured a diverse selection of products, including organically screen-printed silk scarves, artworks, organic skincare products, and stylish apparel, all of which are now available for purchase through their [online shop](#).

The young group has been working diligently to build on their business and promote their products, even capturing the attention of Channel 9 News, which attended their launch event. The feature highlighted the positive influence the project has had on our local community and showcased the spirit of collaboration that defines Naughty Broady. If you missed the segment, you can watch it [here](#).

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and initiatives from the Hume Empowering Communities Program in the coming year!



Natural Eyelash serum
\$15.00



Naughty Broady Hoodie
\$75.00



Naughty Broady Short Sleeve (unisex)
\$39.00



Eco-Print Silk Scarf
\$45.00
SHIRT KIT



Next Action Group Meeting

Our next Action Group Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 20 February 2024** from **10am**.