

# EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE HIGHLANDS REGION

There are a wide range of State and Federal Government funded programs available to support young people to find employment in the Highlands region. In November 2019, the 12-month-average for youth unemployment in Ballarat was 11.5% and the Victorian average was 10.1% (ABS, November 2019). This resource will assist young people and the professionals working with them to navigate the complex suite of programs available by providing clear information about eligibility criteria, services offered and program location.



## The government funded programs covered in this resource are:

- Digital Industry Mentor Service
- Disability Employment Service
- Empower Youth Initiative - Ballarat Youth Power
- headspace Work and Study
- jobactive
- Jobs Victoria Employment Network (JVEN)
- Skills First ReConnect
- Skills and Jobs Centre
- Transition to Work
- Youth Jobs PaTH - Employability Skills Training
- Work and Learning Centre – Next Steps

These programs vary according to funding source, eligibility criteria, services offered, the age range, and who the service provider is.

The purpose of these programs is similar; they all aim to assist young people to develop the skills, attributes and behaviours that meet employer expectations and transition successfully into employment. Some young people face particular barriers and some of the programs in this resource address these specifically.

Program profiles will be updated periodically and uploaded onto the Highlands LLEN website.

For enquiries regarding programs, please contact the service providers or Highlands LLEN.