

# EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE HIGHLANDS REGION

Over the past few years a range of new programs were introduced to our region to assist young people to find employment. In June 2017, the youth unemployment rate for Ballarat was 7.5%, and the Australian average was 11.4%. (ABS, June, 2017) This resource will help young people and the professionals working with them to navigate the complex suite of services available to support young people to find employment.



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

- Digital Industry Mentor Service
- Disability Employment Service
- Empowering YOUth
- Empower Youth Initiative - Ballarat Youth Power
- 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.