

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE	Volunteer Peer Mentors
PART-TIME	Thursdays 12-4pm fortnightly
REPORTS TO	Mentoring Coordinator
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The Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues (CMYI) is a community based organisation that advocates for the needs of young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds.

The Centre has a priority focus on culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) young people from refugee and newly arrived communities.

In supporting young people, CMYI combines policy development and direct service delivery within a community development framework. This approach gives CMYI strong connections with young people and their communities while enabling positive change on a local, state and national level.

PROGRAM AREA

CMYI is working in partnership with Foundation House (Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture) to develop and deliver the group mentoring component of Ucan2 pilot program. This program provides support for young people (18-24 years) from newly arrived and refugee backgrounds as they make their pathway through school, training and tertiary education.

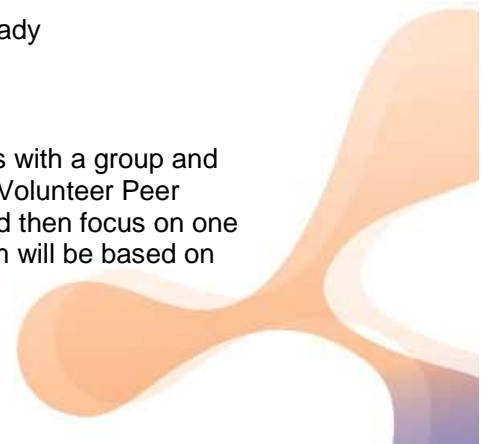
A pilot project is due to commence in August 2008 at Adult Multicultural Education Services at the Noble Park and Dandenong sites. Fifteen students aged 18-21 years from AMES will be recruited to participate in the Ucan2 program.

The pilot project will offer newly arrived young people:

- Classroom-based work skills training
- Social support through a group program
- Group mentoring by young people who have experience combining part time work with study and connections to mainstream.
- Part-time work with Coles for participants who are work ready

POSITION SUMMARY

The Volunteer Peer Mentor will share work and study experiences with a group and the co facilitation of small groups and excursions. The role of the Volunteer Peer Mentor will be to facilitate relationships with group participants and then focus on one identified young person in a supported environment. The program will be based on



the provision of friendship and non-judgemental support to the young people involved.

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Attendance at Ucan2 sessions and punctual notice if meeting arrangements change.
- Participate in volunteer peer mentors supervision meetings every six weeks for one hour.
- Provide an inclusive and welcoming environment within the group.
- Abiding by the program's 'Code of Conduct'

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

- **Availability to attend fortnightly program sessions on Thursday 12-4pm for a minimum of 6 months.**
- 20 – 29 years old
- Familiarity and interest in working in Noble Park and Dandenong area
- Experience of managing part time work and study
- Understanding of, and interest in supporting young people from newly arrived and refugee backgrounds
- Excellent skills in communicating with individuals and small groups and have high networking skills
- Interest in learning more about diverse cultures and settlement in Australia
- Willingness to contribute to project documentation through monthly personal reflections and evaluations as required.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- CMYI is an Equal Opportunity Employer
- This position is based at AMES Noble Park or Dandenong
- Volunteer recruitment is subject to the satisfactory completion of a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check
- In the context of Occupational Health and Safety all volunteers are required to carry out their duties in a manner that does not adversely affect their own health and safety and that of others by reporting all incidents and injuries as well as co-operating with any measures introduced in the workplace to improve OH&S

I have read, understood and accept the above position description

Volunteer Name

Volunteer Signature

Date / /

Manager Name

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