

the mentor

The Loddon Mallee Youth Mentoring Co-ordination Project provides information, support, training and resources to new and existing youth mentoring programs.

It began in January and is one of six regional youth mentoring co-ordination projects in Victoria. Metropolitan Melbourne, Gippsland and Grampians projects have been running for over a year. Loddon Mallee, Hume and Barwon South West all began in 2008.

The projects are supported by the Mentoring and Capacity Building Initiative of the Office for Youth in the Department of Planning and Community Development.

The project promotes youth mentoring across the region by:

- ◆ strengthening local community capacity to develop successful and sustainable mentoring programs
- ◆ identifying and sharing best practice mentoring models with local communities and throughout the region
- ◆ supporting and co-ordinating new and existing mentoring programs in the region.

Leigh Candy is the Loddon Mallee project co-ordinator, based at St Luke's in Bendigo.

You can call him on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday on 5440 1127 or 0428 511 886.



Edwarde, 56, a French Canadian volunteer mentor who migrated to Australia in 1998, is matched with John, 20, who came here from Sudan in 2005, through the Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues Mentoring Program. Read their success story on the VYMA website.

co-ordinators community

Co-ordinators of youth mentoring programs in Loddon Mallee now have an on-line resource.

It's part of My Connected Community, or **mc2**, which allows people with similar interests to participate in forums, discuss issues in a live chat room, share files, and create their own websites.

The LM co-ordinator has set up the **Loddon Mallee Youth Mentoring Co-ordinators Co-op** and program co-ordinators are invited to become members. It's free and easy to use.

Go to <http://mc2.vicnet.net.au> and become a member of **mc2**, find the co-ordinators co-op in the a-z list, and become a member.

vyma—victorian youth mentoring alliance

The VYMA is the peak body for youth mentoring in our state. Becoming a member benefits your program and youth mentoring in Victoria.

VYMA's purpose is to support high quality mentoring practices. Its goal is to advance youth mentoring through advocacy, good practice, professional development, better communication, and promotion of youth mentoring as a way to build social capital.

VYMA members represent the entire spread of youth mentoring programs—community-based, school-based, cultural and faith-based—in Victoria.

The alliance's new website will tell you all you need to know. The national Youth Mentoring Network is also worth visiting.

For VYMA go to

www.youthmentoringvic.org.au/index.html

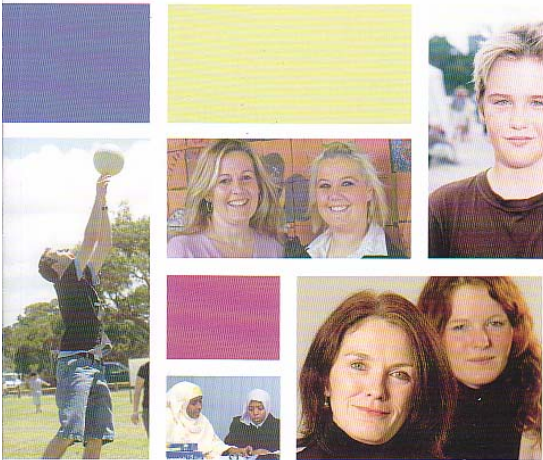
And for the national network go to

<http://www.youthmentoring.com.au/>

the mentor: news about youth mentoring in and for the Loddon Mallee region. It's produced bi-monthly by the LM youth mentoring co-ordinator. Remaining publication dates for 2008 are mid-July, mid-September and mid-December. Feedback and suggestions for content to l.candy@stlukes.org.au or 5440 1127.

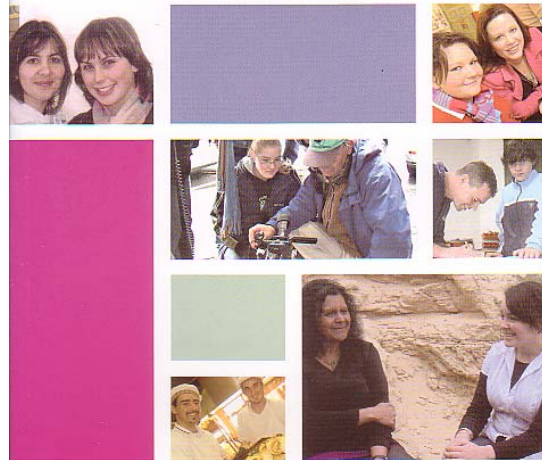
youth mentoring week: june 30 to july 5

A Guide to Supporting Effective Programs for Mentoring Young People



Victoria Department of Planning and Community Development
The Place To Be

A Guide to Effective Practice for Mentoring Young People



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These two guides were published in 2007 by the Victorian state government. The guide to **effective programs** is about the thought, planning and preparation needed to establish a successful program. The guide to **effective practice** covers some of the same ground but includes useful generic documents and checklists, and case studies illustrating mentoring that works. Both guides are available from the Department of Planning and Community Development or from your Loddon Mallee youth mentoring co-ordinator.

free grant-writing workshop

wednesday 4 june

Join Patrick Moriarty from **Our Community** in this Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance (VYMA) workshop to find out how to write a great grant submission to ensure your mentoring program gets funded or remains sustainable.

It's at the Victorian Archives Centre, 99 Shiel Street, North Melbourne, from 10am till 2 pm. There is no cost and lunch is provided.

Need a flyer and map? Contact Leigh > l.candy@stlukes.org.au

Want to book your place? Contact Sarah > s.johnson@youthmentoringvic.org.au

mentor summit saturday 5 july

Youth Mentoring Week 2008 will climax with a mentor summit. Mentors across Victoria are invited to Melbourne to:

- ◆ celebrate their contribution
- ◆ share the highlights and challenges
- ◆ explore and develop guidelines for better mentor support.

Transport will be provided from Bendigo for six Loddon Mallee mentors and two program co-ordinators to attend.

If you'd like to attend with some of your mentors or just recommend mentors who'd like to attend, please contact Leigh on 5440 1127 or 0428 511 886, or email l.candy@stlukes.org.au

Let me know asap.

youth mentoring— how, what and why

**friday 15 august,
10:30 am—2:30pm
st luke's, bendigo**

This introductory presentation for groups, organisations, and community agencies in the Loddon Mallee region is about all the things people want to know about mentoring, like:

Why do it? How do you set up a program? What mentoring model might work for us? How do we fund a program? And much more.

It's at St Luke's, cnr Hargreaves and Mundy Streets, Bendigo. Lunch is provided. It's free, but please book. Call or email Leigh soon.