

Have you or someone you know got up to 2 hours/week to spare between September and November and would like to help change the life of a disadvantaged young person in Melbourne's north?

[INLEN/Vocational Mentoring Exchange](#) is now recruiting volunteers for five exciting vocational mentoring roles with community partners – [Bridge Darebin](#) , [Youth Projects](#), [Youthworx](#) and [Himilo Community Connect](#) – supporting socially / economically disadvantaged young people's career transition journey. We urgently seek empathetic and approachable volunteers to work in groups of 1-5 with young people between **September & November**. Mentors will share their knowledge and experience to build skills, confidence and understanding of future pathways.

Role 1 Screen/Media – 5 mentors needed (Youthworx - online) ** 1 role left **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor a small group (1-2 mentees) online • Mentor skills and experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Media industry – film/screen/radio ○ Entrepreneurial skills (desirable) • Mentoring session timing: One hour sessions via Zoom on a Wednesday afternoon/Thursday/Friday over 10 weeks commencing 15 September • Mentee: young people in the process of completing a Certificate II or III in Screen/Media
Role 2 Hospitality Project – 3-4 mentors (Bridge Darebin – online / Preston) **October start **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor a small group (1-2 mentees) • Mentor skills and experience required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barista ○ Hospitality industry • Mentoring session timing: flexible on a Monday-Friday after 3pm for 2 hours commencing early October for up to 9 weeks • Mentee: young people who have newly transitioned into the hospitality industry and undertaking a Darebin based work placement
Role 3 Bridge Queer Gathering Project – 1-2 mentors (Bridge Darebin – online / Thornbury)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor a group of up to five young LGBTIQ+ people • Mentor skills and experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community engagement/development with LGBTIQ+ youth ○ Project/event planning ○ Events and community programming (desirable) • Mentoring session timing: Thursday (time TBC) for up to 2 hours commencing 16 September for 11 weeks • Mentee: young people who are developing a community engagement strategy for young LGBTIQ+ people in the City of Darebin, including a range of events and activities
Role 4 Transition to Work Program – 2 mentors (Youth Projects – online/Craigieburn)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work 1:1 with an unemployed young person • Mentor skills and experience: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Range of work and lived experiences ○ Awareness of mental health challenges in young people (desirable) • Mentoring session timing: Tuesday afternoon fortnightly between September and November 2021 • Mentee: young people currently participating in Youth Projects' Transition to Work program
Role 5 Step In Program – 3 mentors (Himilo Community Connect – online) ** late Sep start **
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work 1:1 with a young person seeking support to transition successfully into their chosen profession • Mentor skills and experience: Experience in HR, Business Analyst or Police Force • Mentoring session timing: Flexible weekly/fortnightly 1hr sessions between end September and November 2021 • Mentee: Multicultural young people currently participating in Himilo's Job Club program supporting recent graduates/undergraduates to access information and support as they transition to employment

There is no need to have mentored before as training will be provided. Mentors will draw from the intensive training as well as their own lived experience and connections to guide conversations on project planning, goal setting and other transferrable skills, as well as strengthening confidence and aspirations and understanding of workplace/industry expectations.

Mentors need only be over 18 years of age, have a current Working With Children's Check, and a passion to make a real difference in a young person's life outcome.

If you or someone you know would be well suited to this incredibly rewarding role, please contact **Yu-Wen Chien** ychien@inllen.org.au for more information.

