



Inner Eastern
Local Learning and
Employment Network

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



Small organisation, big impact

Joint CEO and Chairperson's Report



LEFT TO RIGHT: Nathan Chisholm, Cherry Grimwade, Sam Joukadjian, Gary Buckeridge, Bronwen Thompson, Angela Stathopoulos, Graeme Mawson, David Paton **ABSENT:** Philip Javier

With four EFT staff, the IELLEN delivered on five contracts and grants during 2019. The two largest of them were with the Department of Education and Training (DET), for “Partnership Brokerage”; and for delivery of the Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) Service. For the year 2019 we also received smaller grants for work to deliver the “On Track” service (DET); a Local Drug Action Team Project (Alcohol and Drug Foundation); and a local community based activity (Stonnington Council). We would like to acknowledge all our funding sources, which make our work possible!

Partnership Brokerage

The IELLEN delivered on and fulfilled a two year Work Plan for 2018/19, achieving great outcomes. This Work Plan was comprehensive, spanning seven Partnership domains. During 2019 we facilitated or actively supported a total of 31 partnerships, networks, projects and community-based committees. Among our achievements and outcomes were:

- Windsor Intensive Transition Support (WITS), which benefitted 18 young people and their families over a two year period, including the provision of essential laptops for classroom use
- initiatives such as the Resilience and Wellbeing (Raw) Network, with a membership of 19 government, Catholic and independent schools
- 9 new or updated online resource directories, all available from our website
- a directory for the benefit of LGBTQI+ young people, which was launched by Gender and Sexuality Commissioner, Ro Allen, along with the Mayors of Stonnington, Port Phillip and Boroondara
- an array of industry – education activities including mock job interviews, work readiness/pathway sessions, and workplace tours for young people
- a partnership with a school that supported the educational engagement of a group of young carers

- continued active support for organisations and initiatives including Oakwood School, Prahran Community Learning Centre, the Youth Engagement Partnership, and Communities That Care (Stonnington), and

- our submission, with stakeholder input, made to the state Inquiry into Sustainable Employment for Disadvantaged Jobseekers.

SWL Service

As part of a separate DET contract, the IELLEN contributed to state-wide targets for the SWL program. These included the number of placement opportunities sourced via local employers, as well uptake of placements by students. We are pleased to report that in 2019 there was improvement in all our key Program Impact areas on the previous twelve months:

- student placements increased by 7%
- the number of businesses hosting students increased by 8%
- the number of schools that benefitted from IELLEN placements

increased by 14%, and

- the diversity of placements taken up expanded by 24%.

In addition, we continued to offer opportunities to students across 12 identified industry areas.

Staff and Committee

For these great results let us acknowledge the IELLEN's staff team: Tracey Fenton, Dennis Cindric, Tom Rankin, and Amy Liddy, the latter of whom unfortunately left the organisation in September. They were supported by admin staff, John Broughton and Fran Zemunik. Led by Andrew (CEO since 2015), the IELLEN has benefitted from personnel who have shared a sense of purpose, and a commitment to quality of work and outcomes.

With regard to the Committee of Management (CoM) our thanks and appreciation go to them for their governance. We had two resignations last year (Jess Lawrence and Holly Carpenter), but welcomed new CoM members, Graeme Mawson and David Paton. They joined our existing

Committee of Bronwen Thompson, Sam Joukadjian, Gary Buckeridge, Cherry Grimwade, Philip Javier, and Nathan Chisholm. Thanks to you all for your genuine interest, wisdom, and strategic oversight.

More than 700 young people directly benefitted from our partnerships, programs and services during 2019. This was a 50% increase on the previous year. In partnership with stakeholders, our reach was greater than ever. We are proud that the IELLEN continues to make a difference to the lives of young people.

Andrew Neophytou CEO
Angela Stathopoulos Chairperson

Staff



LEFT TO RIGHT: Tom Rankin, Fran Zemunik, Dennis Cindric, Andrew Neophytou, Amy Liddy, Tracey Fenton.

During 2019, the IELLEN actively supported these partnerships, providers and initiatives:

Prahran Community Learning Centre (PCLC) Committee of Management, and two sub-committees

Oakwood School Council

Communities That Care, Stonnington Community Board Member, and member of 3 Working Groups

Youth Engagement Partnership (YEP) across Stonnington/Port Phillip Steering Committee, and YEP Data Analysis Working Group

Bayside Peninsula Navigator Program Executive Group

Boroondara Young Peoples Advisory Committee Member



4 EFT staff delivered on
5 Contracts and grants



275 Stakeholders were engaged: schools, not-for-profits, employers and Local Government



31 Partnerships, networks, providers or programs being facilitated or supported



700+ Young people directly benefitted from programs and services

At a Glance

Who we are

A not-for-profit organisation, working to improve education, training and employment options and outcomes for young people

Where we work

The IELLEN works with stakeholders across Stonnington, Port Phillip and Boroondara

Stakeholders

Schools, community organisations, business and industry – and young people themselves

IELLEN-led Partnerships

During 2019 we established and facilitated partnerships across 7 domains.

Mental Health

Resilience and Wellbeing Network (“RaW”) for school wellbeing staff; and initiatives such as new service directories/resources.

Learning Support

A Learning Mentor Partnership; and a Homework Club Network.

Industry - Education

Career Education programs and activities: workplace tours; work readiness and pathway sessions; and, mock job interviews for young people.

Cross-sector Work

Includes the Inner Metro Youth & Community Partnership (IMYCP); and, a Local Government Areas (Youth & Middle Years) Community of Practice.

Identified Young People

Projects and initiatives for cohorts such as young carers, and LGBTQI+ youth; information and assistance to young people via the DET-funded “On Track” surveys.

Education Training Transitions

Windsor Intensive Transition Support Program; VCAL Provider Network; Social Enterprise Network; and, an Awards event.

Health and Community Capacity Building

Local Drug Action Team (LDAT Project, focusing on Stonnington public housing estates).

SWL 2019 Program Impact

215 students undertook placements sourced by the IELLEN

70 businesses hosted students in their workplace within or for the IELLEN region

64 schools benefitted from IELLEN placements

41 vocations across all of the 12 industry areas were represented



Help us build **BETTER FUTURES** for **YOUNG PEOPLE**

Together we can do more to
combat early school leaving and
youth unemployment.

PARTNER with us. Have an idea or
proposal? Talk to us.

SUPPORT our programs and initiatives
with a donation of time or money.

SPONSOR our Annual Awards, or a
child/young person in need of financial
assistance (education costs).

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