

BRIC PROGRAM

Building Relationships and Initiating Change

The BRIC Program is a new and exciting group mentoring initiative coordinated by the Centre for Multicultural Youth, with funding from the Office for Youth.

The program aims to support groups/committees/networks/associations of young people from newly arrived and culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) communities through mentoring to facilitate skill and knowledge development.

What does the program offer?

This program is designed to support groups/committees/networks/associations of multicultural young people to achieve their goals through training and mentoring.

Training: Youth groups are able to receive 'Short Burst' Training that has been specifically designed for youth groups. This training includes a range of different topics including leadership, team building, project building, fundraising and media.

Mentoring: Each youth group will be linked in with 1-2 mentors who have a range of different backgrounds, interests, skills and networks who will work together with a group to support the achievement of identified aims and objectives through skill and knowledge development, group development and/or youth-led initiatives.

Why be a Mentor?

Mentoring provides you with a great opportunity to support young people from newly arrived and culturally and linguistically diverse communities to further develop their skills, knowledge and networks. Through your mentoring relationship, you will help them gain the skills and confidence they need to engage with and access more opportunities to participate in broader community.

You'll also be part of the process of creating a more harmonious and inclusive society, where all members have equal access to opportunities to participate. You will get to know some inspiring young people, and help strengthen their capabilities.

To be a BRIC Mentor, you need to be:

- Over 21 years old
- A good listener and communicator
- Open, tolerant and respectful
- Able to share life experiences, skills, knowledge and networks
- Genuinely interested in and able to empathise with young people from diverse faith and cultural backgrounds
- Able to commit to the program from June 2009 until June 2010 (12 months)
- Able to meet with a youth group at least once a fortnight for two hours
- Willing and able to travel to the western suburbs (to Werribee, Sunshine, or Footscray for example) for mentoring engagements
- Willing and able to participate in compulsory 1 day mentor training and bi-monthly group mentor meetings throughout the program

Applications forms are available from the CMY website:

www.cmy.net.au

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