

Multicultural Sports Network Report

27 July 2005



Preamble

The purpose of the CMYI Sports Network meetings is to provide a regular forum in which workers who are engaged with CLD young people have the opportunity to meet and share information. Workers with specialized skills and knowledge impart current information about the sector to their colleges, and individual workers are given the chance to network with other workers in the field.

CMYI facilitates the Sports Network Meetings every quarter. It is hoped that the meetings can provide support to workers by placing value on their contribution and enriching their work by providing a mechanism for potential partnerships and collaborative work.

The issue and any outcomes of each meeting will be document and distributed to the Network.

CMYI will also investigate appropriate strategies if any issues arise from the Network in relation to participation of CLD young people.

The aims

Further to the general purpose of the Network. The CMYI Sports Network will also

- Identify gaps in services for sport and recreation provision to CLD young people
- Provide information to Sport and Recreation Victoria and VicHealth about the issues for sports when engaging CLD young people
- Identify issues facing CLD young people's access to sport and recreation
- Identify gaps in the provision of sport and recreation to CLD young people
- Identify strategies to engage CLD young people in sport and recreation
- Promote partnerships and collaboration between the sport sector, the community sector and the health sector

Membership

Membership to the Multicultural Sports Network is open to, but is not limited to, workers from the Sport, Community, Health, Government, Non Government Agencies, Ethno Specific Agencies, Service providers, Youth workers, or any person involved in the delivery of CLD sport and recreation programs to CLD young people.

Meetings

Meetings will be held every quarter between 9.30- 12.30 is. Catering will be provided.

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Multicultural Sports Network Agenda

9.30 -10.00	Registration
10.00 -10.30	Welcome
	Purpose of the group
	The structure of today
	About CMYI
	Multicultural Sports Project
10.30- 10.40	Les Bee Sports Ed VIS
10.40 - 11.00	Michael Wells Banksia Bulls Basketball Team 10 min presentation 10 min questions
11.00 - 11.30	Morning tea Networking
11.30- 11.50	Brendan Murphy Sports speak 10 min presentation 10 min questions
11.50- 12.00	Announcements
12.00	Next Meeting 19 October 2005 9.30-12.30 Venue TBA Topic Making your Club CLD friendly
	Future Topics and PD

On the 27th of July CMYI held its first Multicultural Sports Network for workers who are delivering sport and recreation services to CLD and newly arrived young people.

The Network meeting was funded by VicHealth and held at the VicHealth building in Pelham Street, Carlton. 46 people attended the meeting. Most were from State Sporting Association and local government.

List of organisations who attended

- City of Yarra
- Western Region Football League
- Doutta Galla Community Health Service
- Netball Victoria
- North Richmond Community Health Centre
- Equal Opportunity Commission
- Volleyball Victoria
- Brimbank City Council
- Moone Valley Primary Care Partnerships
- Victorian Rugby League
- Australian Football League
- Northern Migrant Resources Centre
- Victorian Lawn Bowls
- City of Moreland
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- City of Greater Dandenong
- Victorian Institute of sport
- Victoria Police
- VICSEG
- Whitehorse City Council
- VUT
- Banyule City Council
- Australian Lebanese Welfare
- Womensport and Recreation Victoria
- Vietnamese Welfare Resource Centre
- Cricket Victoria
- Football Federation Victoria
- Kinect Australia (incorporating VICFIT)
- Athletics Victoria
- Hume City Council
- Tennis Australia
- Young People's Health Service
- SCOPE- Leisure action
- MRC North West
- AMES
- Brunswick Baths.

About CMYI

The Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues (CMYI) is a State-wide community based organisation that aims to strengthen and build innovative partnerships between young people, support services and the community to enhance life opportunities for young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CLD) backgrounds living in Victoria, Australia. The centre has a priority focus on young people from refugee and newly arrived communities.

CMYI's Multicultural Sport & Recreation Project (MSRP) was developed to address the lack of involvement of CLD young people in structured sport. Phase 1 focused on program delivery and community consultation. It revealed a number of issues impacting on the participation of CLD young people, including the lack of connection between sport providers and ethnic communities, racial discrimination, parental support, restrictions on young women and issues around cultural identity. Phase 2 of the MSRP focused on developing good-practice models, providing direction and links between relevant sporting and community groups, and practical strategies for government, non-government organisations, sporting bodies and ethnic community groups. Phase 3 has seen the project move towards capacity building, advocacy and policy development in the areas of Multicultural Inclusion.

First speaker

Les Bee

SportEd, Victorian Institute of Sport

Les spoke about the role of SportEd. SportEd is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and its role is to support State Sporting Associations, Victorian National Sporting Organisations and Regional Sports Assemblies but delivering Coaching and Referee training, and professional development.

A full transcript of Les's presentation is available on the CMYI Sports Network Yahoo Group or you can email me for a copy.

To join the group to <http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/cmymns/> and register.

Second speaker

Michael Wells

Bridging the gaps with Basketball programs

Michael is a police officer who has been running a Basketball program out in the Preston area for 2 years. Before he became involved he had no basketball experience and no coaching experience.

However he managed to develop a relationship with this particular group of young people who were in danger of being at risk and in trouble with the police. Most of the young men were from newly arrived communities who wanted to play basketball but had little if any support structures around them.

The project is co ordinate by Rhonda Hernandez from the Migrant Resource Centre and funded by VicHealth.

The program has presented many challenges including, inappropriate behaviour from the young people towards referees and coaches. Difficulty engaging parents. Difficulty in transport to games. Cost associated with uniforms, registration and competition.

Despite this the program has managed to continue with 5 teams now registered in the competition, including one young women's team.

Michael stressed the importance of partnerships with organisations like the MRC and also the support of a person who knows the young people and the community. This along with patience and perseverance seems to have kept the program going.

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CMYI Sports Program Register

CMYI is putting together a register of sport and recreation programs for CLD young people. Often we get requests from workers who want to link young people into CLD specific programs. We anecdotally know that there are a number of community, health and sports organisation who are conducting programs for CLD young people.

The register will give us an opportunity to collect information and distribute that back to the sector.

A copy of the database is available on the CMYI Sports Network Yahoo Group or you can email me for a copy.

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Third speaker

Brendan Murphy

Brendan has been working in Japan using sport as a way of teaching English language skills to young people. Unable to speak Japanese Brendan spoke about how he used demonstrations and related skills back to things that they young people were familiar with to teach cricket in Japan.

Brendan reminded us that language is not the only way to communicate. Sports often ask us if they need to translate information or get interpreters to translate when running programs. Most of the time this is not necessary as long as sessions are fun and enjoyable for young people.

Brendan reminded us that skills like building trust and the confidence of the young people is more important than the rules and technique points of the game.

Evaluation

25 participants responded to the evaluation.

Did you find the network useful?

24 participants responded Yes

What was most useful?

- Hearing real life stories
- Networking sharing problems (10)
- Finding out information and opportunities (5)
- Finding out what
- Resources
- Partnerships
- Other peoples experiences
- Guest speakers
- Case studies

Would you attend another meeting?

All responded yes

What topics should be discussed at the next meeting?

- Fundraising
- Partnership possibilities
- Achieving sustainability
- More network opportunities
- Young people's experience first hand
- How to engage communities
- Strategies to overcome barriers to access for CLD young people
- Cross sector partnerships
- Case studies
- Best practice models
- Cultural specific information

Other comments

We allowed hour and hour for networking however some people commented that they would have liked to have a more structured way of meeting new people.

For the next meeting we will consider small groups so that everyone can meet and share ideas.

We had underestimated the number of RSVP's so the room was quite crowded which made moving around difficult.

A more suitable venue will be sort for the next meeting.

One person did comment that they did not find one of the speakers useful to his work.

An agenda and an abstract of the speakers will be sent out before the next meeting so people can decide the relevance to the topic for them.

It was suggested that a young person could come in and talk first hand about his experience.

We will attempt to find an appropriate young person in the future.

I would like to thank all the speakers, Michael Wells, Les Bee and Brendan Murphy.

We look forward to seeing all those who attended at the next meeting and those who missed out we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

On October 19

Venue and time to be advised

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