

Multicultural Sports Network Report

25 October 2005

Topic – Inclusive Clubs



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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Department for Victorian Communities

Multicultural Sports Network Agenda

Venue Victorian Institute of Sport

Topic - Inclusive Clubs

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| 9.30 | Registration |
| 9.45 | Tour of Victorian Institute of Sport |
| 10.0 | Judy McDougall
Migrant Information Centre – Mitcham |
| 10.20 | Chris Hatzistavrou
Sunshine Heights Cricket Club |
| 10.40 | Con Giatas
Yarraville Soccer Club |
| 11.00 | Morning Tea and Networking |
| 11.45 | Group Discussion |
| 12.30 | Finish |

On the 25th October 2005 CMYI held its Second Multicultural Sports Network for workers who are delivering sport and recreation services to CLD and newly arrived young people.

The Network meeting was funded is funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and was held at the Victorian Institute of Sport in Swan Street, Melbourne.

32 People attended the meeting for various organisations and sectors

List of organisations who attended

- City of Whitehorse
- RecWest
- City of Greater Dandenong
- City of Whittlesea
- Migrant Information Centre
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- Basketball Victoria
- Australian Football League
- Young People's Health Service
- Softball Victoria
- Sunshine Heights Cricket Club
- City of Yarra Youth Services
- City of Yarra - Recreation and Open Space
- VicHealth
- Lacrosse Victoria
- Yarraville Soccer Club
- Centre for Ethnicity and Health
- Boxing Victoria
- Netball Victoria
- Family Access Network
- Kinect Australia
- Brimbank City Council
- Cricket Victoria
- Victorian Softball
- SportEd
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
- Sport and Recreation Victoria
- North Richmond Community Health Centre
- Brimbank City Council

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

Judy McDougall

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City of Whitehorse

Youth Project

Increasing Access to Sport and Recreational Clubs in Whitehorse by Young People from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds

The Migrant Information Centre (Eastern Melbourne) (MIC) received funding from the City of Whitehorse Community Grants Program 2003/2004 for the "Whitehorse Youth Project". The aim of the project was to increase access and participation in local sports clubs of young people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds to enhance social inclusion.

To support the creation of a more responsive sports sector to better meet the needs of CALD youth, the "Whitehorse Youth Project" included five major steps:

- Information session for interested sports club officials about cultural needs, barriers to access and inclusion for young people from CALD backgrounds,
- Recruitment and training of young people from CALD backgrounds to conduct surveys of participating sports clubs,
- Analysis of surveys,
- Preparing a final report with strategies for implementation by sports clubs to improve accessibility for CALD young people, and
- Implementation of activities.

This report is an analysis of the information obtained through the surveys conducted with local sporting clubs and recommendations for future directions in the implementation of activities to achieve the aim of the project.

A full transcript of Judy's presentation as well as the final report about the project is available on the CMYI Sports Network Yahoo Group or you can email amorrone@cmyi.net.au for a copy.

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

Second speaker

Chris Hatzistavrou

Sunshine Heights Cricket Club
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During the 1990's, the future of the Sunshine Heights Cricket Club was looking pretty unhealthy. Fast forward to today and the club has enthusiastically celebrated its 50th anniversary and has become a multi-sport, multi-cultural club that continues to receive accolades for its commitment to its members and to the local community.

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Third speaker

Con Giatas and Yousif Mohamed

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The club began in 1966 as Yarraville Doxa. The club was founded by Greek Migrants. Yarraville has been involved with the community for 40 years. Over the years they have worked with a number of groups and communities. While the club stated as a predominately Greek club it now has people from playing from Europe, Asia and Africa.

A full transcript of Con's presentation is available on the CMYI Sports Network Yahoo Group or you can email amorrone@cm yi.net.au for a copy.

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.

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Evaluation

All the participants that responded to the evaluation found the network useful.

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All the participants who responded to the evaluation said they would attend again.

Suggested topics for future meetings

- Involving young women in sport and recreation activity
- Strategies for State Sporting Associations
- Examples of how less resourced small sports i.e.: table tennis, badminton and volleyball have addressed this issue.

I would like to thank all the speakers, Judy McDougall, Con Giatas, Chris Hatzistavrou and Yousif Mohamed for their time and their wonderful presentations

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.

Venue and time to be advised

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