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SydWest Driving New Opportunities for Job-seekers in Blacktown

The Blacktown Employment Accelerator is on again for 2018, a unique event aiming to drive new job opportunities for multicultural job-seekers of the Blacktown area.

SydWest Multicultural Services has partnered with Blacktown City Council and Settlement Services International (SSI) to undertake another Blacktown Employment Accelerator event aimed at improving economic outcomes for job seekers from refugee and migrant backgrounds, as well as people with disability in the Blacktown LGA.

Leaders from the business community will come together with job-ready job-seekers from refugee, migrant backgrounds and people with disabilities for *speed-dating* recruitment meetings to accelerate employment outcomes for everyone involved.

Our corporate partners include Hire-Up, Thrive Refugee Enterprise, Meat processors group, Coles, AimBig Employment, Regional Workforce Management.

This event will assist people from diverse backgrounds who are job-seekers to make new connections, connect with sustainable employment opportunities and expand their networks and increase their employability chances.

The event will be held **on Friday 23 November from 11am – 1pm** at the Blacktown Workers Club, 55 Campbell Street, Blacktown.

SydWest Multicultural Services CEO, Elfa Moraitakis is encouraging people of all backgrounds to join in this unique initiative:

We are looking forward to continuing to drive accelerated employment outcomes for our new arrivals – including refugees, who are often highly qualified but experience barriers to employment – by bringing employers and job-seekers together, we believe real, sustained employment outcomes can be achieved. It's a win-win for everyone!

Blacktown Employment Accelerator 2018 continues to showcase the wealth of experience and expertise on our doorstep, and accelerate the connections necessary for successful employee recruitment.

As SSI CEO, Violet Roumeliotis noted in 2017 on the importance of employment to the settlement process: *Finding employment is not only one of the highest priorities but also one of the biggest hurdles during the settlement process for refugees and migrants*

SydWest Multicultural Services is the largest and most diverse community services organisation in the Western Sydney region. Established more than 33 years ago, SydWest provides a range of services to culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) individuals and communities services to assist with settling and living productive and independent lives in the community.

This event is proudly sponsored by BREED and the Greater Blacktown Business Chamber

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