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SydWest Hosts special Business Breakfast in Blacktown

Aiming to engage and educate employers about the many benefits of employing people from refugee, migrant backgrounds and people with disability.

SydWest Multicultural Services is hosting a special event for employers to learn more about the many benefits of employing people from refugee, migrant backgrounds and people with disability.

The **Blacktown Business Breakfast** is being held on **Wednesday 26th September 2018 from 7.30am – 9.15am** at the **Blacktown Workers Club**.

The event will also be a great networking opportunity for everyone participating. SydWest is pleased to be building its corporate partnerships to address employment challenges in the region and welcomes new employer representatives to the program and this event.

We know that securing employment is not only one of the highest priorities but also one of the biggest hurdles during the settlement process for refugees and migrants.

We know that 80% of jobs are accessed through networking and other unofficial channels – this of course is a key challenge for new arrivals, as they do not yet have the established networks required.

By educating and engaging with employers, SydWest is hoping to address some of the barriers to sustainable employment.

Our guest speakers for the morning include:

- Job Access, who will be speaking about the supports available to employers who recruit people with a disability
- Department of Social Services will be explaining about the incentives and wage subsidies available to employers who recruit eligible participants
- BE Campbell and Cleanforce will share their positive experiences in employing refugees, migrants and people with a disability
- Client voices who will share their story of getting job-ready and finding sustainable employment

SydWest is grateful to the support and input of the event partners: Settlement Services International (SSI), Blacktown City Council, TAFE NSW and ESG Matchworks.

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 and assists clients with settling and living productive and independent lives in the community.

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