

MEDIA RELEASE

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SydWest continues drive to accelerate New Opportunities for Job-seekers in Blacktown

The Blacktown Employment Accelerator is on again for 2019! A unique event aimed at accelerating new job opportunities for multicultural job-seekers of the Blacktown area.

SydWest Multicultural Services has partnered with Blacktown City Council, SSI, TAFE NSW, Uniting, Salvation Army and Lenity Care 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.

The event will be held **on Thursday 28th November from 11am – 1pm** at the Maria Locke Centre, **TAFE NSW Blacktown**, Main Street, Blacktown.

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.

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 Coles, Extreme Solution, Global Traders Aus Ind, Australia Security Services Guards Pty Ltd, Thrive Refugee Enterprise, Cleantastic Cleaning, Reach Quality Care Pty Ltd and NECA Training and Apprenticeships

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

We are excited to be hosting our third annual Blacktown Employment Accelerator, which provides an excellent and efficient format for both employers and job-seekers.

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We know that many of our new arrivals, including refugees, are often highly qualified and experienced but local experience is a key barrier to employment. By connecting employers and job-seekers together, we know that real, sustained employment outcomes can be achieved at this event.

Blacktown Employment Accelerator 2019 continues to showcase the wealth of experience and expertise on our doorstep and accelerate the connections necessary for successful employee recruitment.

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About SydWest

SydWest Multicultural Services is a leading organisation for all cultural diversity issues responding to community needs and opportunities. Established more than 34 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.

We offer flexible and integrated service models across the life course of refugees and migrants, supporting the self-determination and empowerment of our diverse communities.

SydWest is an innovative employer of choice, with passionate, qualified and experienced bilingual and bicultural staff who are sensitive to the languages and cultures of the communities we represent

With locations in Blacktown, Mt Druitt, Penrith and Rouse Hill, we cover all matters of cultural diversity in the region.