

# Smart, Skilled & Hired

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT PROGRAM



## What is SSHYE?

The Smart Skilled and Hired - Youth Employment Program is a FREE service, designed to help young people aged 15 – 24 years, to find work. Unlike many programs, participants do not need to be on unemployment benefits to participate.

## Who is SSHYE for?

- Young people aged 15 – 24 who are unemployed or underemployed and not in receipt of unemployment benefits.
- An exception to the above is young people receiving unemployment benefits and assistance by NSW government programs such as Juvenile Justice, Out of Home Care Program & Social Housing – they are eligible.
- Young people aged 15 – 16 who have met school leaving requirements can also access this program.

## Who provides SSHYE?

Settlement Services International (SSI) in partnership with MTC Australia and the Schools Industry Partnership (SIP), have joined together to help eligible young people find employment.

- Young people living in Western Sydney, will be assisted by MTC Australia.
- Young people living between Mt Druitt and the Blue Mountains, will be assisted by Schools Industry Partnership (SIP).
- Refugee or humanitarian visa holders, will be assisted by Settlement Services International (SSI).

Contact MTC Australia to find out more about the program and which provider best suits the needs of the young person.

*“A helping hand.  
Not a hand-out”*



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## About SSHYE

- Participants are treated with respect and cultural sensitivity at all times. They will always be made to feel welcome, comfortable and relaxed, in an open and inclusive environment.
- SSI works in partnership with participants to help them identify employment goals and set steps towards achieving those goals based on their interests, skills, and learning needs. Together creating opportunities for them to achieve their goals and celebrate their success.
- SSI offers holistic servicing tailored to a participant's needs. MTC can provide access to specialised support services such as housing, health, substance abuse, counselling, Indigenous support, and Refugee and Migrant services.
- SSI provides participants with their own Youth Employment Coach to build their confidence and trust, and to empower them to set their own goals and tackle challenges in life.
- SSI will proactively make contact with employers and local training institutions to source suitable employment opportunities for participants. The program can also assist participants to secure voluntary work or work experience with an employer.
- SSI will communicate with participants in a variety of ways, including face to face, phone, SMS, Messenger and Facebook.
- SSI will maintain contact with participants for six months once they commence work, and will assist with challenges that may come up in the workplace.
- In some cases, SSI will provide participants with a little financial assistance such as work clothes, transport and training costs.

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