

# Some see disability we see ability

With the right support it's not such a big step from school to the workforce. There are new skills to learn, new situations to handle, and a whole range of possibilities to explore. That's where WISE Employment's Skills2Work program can help.

Skills2Work is a pre-employment program designed to give young people with disability the support and training they need to succeed in the workplace and beyond. Skills2Work provides a gentle transition to working life, with exposure to a wide range of jobs, industries and training opportunities.

## Flexibility and support

Skills2Work is paced to suit the individual. Participants take anywhere from 12 months to three years to complete the program, trying different work settings along the way. Small groups of young people work closely with experienced Skills2Work trainers, who tailor the program to suit their abilities and learning styles.

Once they have the skills and confidence they need to succeed at work, participants qualify for ongoing support and case management through WISE's Disability Employment Services (DES).

## Hands-on training

A range of hands-on, accredited training units are covered, such as: Office Administration, Hospitality, Cleaning, Manufacturing, Retail Operations and Warehousing.

## Beyond the classroom

Work experience and volunteer work have a very important place in the Skills2Work program. While some training takes place in the classroom, a good part of participants' time is spent gaining real experience in real workplaces. WISE works closely with local employers to provide supervised work experience throughout the program.

Skills2Work trainers also arrange a series of hands-on workplace visits to give participants a taste of a wide range of potential work settings and help them identify their own strengths and interests.

The industry visits, combined with supervised work experience and practical training, give participants a real feel for where they want to work, and the skills and confidence they need to succeed.

## Finding a job

On completion of the Skills2Work program, participants have a greater understanding of their skills, strengths and interests. Those needing further help to find the right job automatically gain access to a case manager, work placement services, and ongoing support and job-mentoring through WISE's Disability Employment Services (DES).



## Want to find out more?

Skills2Work is centrally located in Box Hill and is fully funded for Futures for Young Adults recipients.

**For more information, or to discuss your suitability for the WISE Employment Skills2work program, call us on 8329 8800.**

