



"Uncovering Opportunities - Revealing Leaders"

Youth Entrepreneurs & Leaders of Australia Portal
A Project of the National Youth Roundtable 2003

Your all-in-one comprehensive directory to:

- **Business Skills & Leadership development programs**
- **Resources for young entrepreneurs including grants, funding, mentoring, services & support**

There are many programs available in Australia for youth to develop their business & leadership skills in a practical manner. (Youth-LEAP) aims to bring these programs together in a comprehensive guide, ensuring that Australia's youth have access to these vital programs that teach skills which are not taught in educational institutions. If you're looking for a program that will help you learn about business or leadership hands-on, find a directory of youth services, or learn how you could make a difference this is the place to look.

GENERAL PROGRAMS

Each of the following directories contains a wealth of information on opportunities available for youth to develop Enterprise and Leadership Skills.

the source

www.thesource.gov.au

the source is run by the commonwealth Government providing a link between Youth and the Government. It showcases programs such as the National Youth Roundtable and has a large range of resources and programs for youth. It also provides excellent databases on government youth programs and is a portal for youth to share their voice on opinions and services.

Youth Portal

www.youth.gov.au

The Youth Portal is your resource to find Commonwealth programmes and services for young people. It has a large database of programs available for youth to develop leadership & enterprise skills or help out in the community. You can check out Australian and International youth events and subscribe to the youth.comm mailing list of youth related events.

Enterprise Junction

www.enya.org.au/projects/enterprisejunction

Looking for a one stop shop of youth enterprise initiatives? Welcome to utopia! **Enterprise Junction** provides you with a categorised web resource of programs, awards, grants and services for young Australian entrepreneurs. You can also check out the stories of other 'young guns' like you. Enterprise Junction is a project of ENYA.

Our Community - leadership Programs Directory

www.ourcommunity.com.au/leadership/leadership_main.jsp

This website has been established to help community leaders, potential community leaders and community groups find the resources to assist in developing the skills to provide true leadership in their chosen area. This site contains a comprehensive listing of the many leadership opportunities and programs as well as funding, marketing and management information. Alternatively contact Our Community on (03) 9320 6802 or service@ourcommunity.com.au

Database of community leadership programs

www.communitybuilders.nsw.gov.au/builder/leaders/dirls/hip.html

Community Leadership Programs detailed in this directory provide for developing the skills of existing

leaders; emerging youth leaders and emerging leaders from under-represented groups in the community.

Government On-Line Directory

www.directory.gov.au

This web portal provides an online directory of all the government departments at both state and national level. It is very useful for accessing information about the government business regulations and bodies in each state.

BUSINESS PROGRAMS

Here you will find a listing of the most effective youth enterprise skills development programs in Australia from simulated share-trading to mentoring and grants for business start ups. Many of these programs are also great for developing leadership skills.

Enterprise Network for Young Australians

www.enya.org.au

ENYA promotes the active participation of young people in enterprise in an ethical and sustainable manner. Become a member (it's free) and interact with projects, resources, research and events for enterprising young Aussies, including young entrepreneurs. Find information about starting a business and mentoring and incubation aid, financial assistance and support networks all from ENYA.

The Foundation for Young Australians

www.youngaustralians.org

The Foundation for Young Australians is a dynamic, not-for-profit organisation committed to developing innovative initiatives that support and empower the lives of young Australians aged 12 to 25. The Foundation for Young Australians can help with seed funding for ideas, whilst providing support.

Australian Business Week

www.abw.org.au

ABW gives young people the opportunity to learn about business from the business perspective. ABW run several enterprising program both residential, school and online teaching the vital skills of business in both a hands-on and theoretical manner.

Young Achievement Australia

www.yaa.org.au

The YAA programs are aimed at young people from all walks of life. Our goals are to ease the transition from school to work by providing practical, hands-on experience. By giving young people first-hand insights into the workings of private enterprise and industry, the program allows you to be better prepared when you start looking for work.

The New Enterprise Incentive Scheme

www.nna.asn.au

This is a self-employment program that helps job-seekers come off income support into the work place by starting their own enterprises, and it is extremely successful, helping to generate around 7,500 new businesses each year. The program, run by Centrelink, has an allowance system and provides training for new entrepreneurs.

Shell Live Wire

www.shell.com.au/livewire

Shell Live Wire helps youth with business ideas develop those ideas into reality through interactions with experienced mentors and access to grants. It is an effective program that can really help develop business plans with financial aid.

ASX Share market Game

www.asx.com.au/education/Games_IE2.shtm

The Australian Stock Exchange Ltd provides youth with the opportunity to invest a hypothetical \$50,000 in this realistic share-market simulator providing an excellent learning experience.

Trading Places

www.tradingplaces.com.au

The Trading Places Challenge is Australia's most sophisticated stock market trading simulator, using real ASX data. You are given \$200,000 with which to build your portfolio. Trade in over 3000 instruments including shares, warrants, margin lending and short selling.

Hewlett Packard Global Business Challenge

www.jaintl.org/hpgbc

The Hewlett Packard Global Business Challenge provides an online global business simulation that allows you to take on the role of corporate business leaders by making corporate decisions that can steer your business to success. Learn about the basics of business operations and finance as you compete globally.

Youth Business International

www.youth-business.org

YBI brings together people in the corporate sector, civil society and government, who make their skills, expertise and facilities available on young people's behalf to provide access to finance, business mentoring and support to young entrepreneurs during the start-up and early development of their businesses.

Youth 2 Youth

www.youth2youth.com.au

Youth 2 Youth assists young people to get educated, get involved, and get enterprising by equipping you with enterprise skills for life. Their wide variety of 'business and life skills' seminars and services are created, written and presented by young people for young people (15-35 yrs) and are run in schools, youth groups, business groups, and with large corporates. Youth 2 Youth have an excellent page of 'hot links' on their web site to many useful youth entrepreneurial web sites.

Taking it Global

www.takingitglobal.org

"Driven by youth, our goal is to foster a sense of leadership and social entrepreneurship through the innovative use of technology, creating meaningful experiences for young people around the world. In partnership with the Global Youth Action Network, we offer recognition for youth action and support for youth voice".

Nescafe Big Break

www.nescafebigbreak.com.au

Nescafe Big Break provides many cash grants to help youth with great ideas, turn their dreams into reality whether it is starting a band or business.

Commonwealth Bank - Dollars and Sense

www.dollarsandsense.com.au

Run by the Commonwealth Bank this site aims to help youth "make sense of their money". Dollars & Sense provides a range of resources on earning, spending & investing your money.

Australian Junior Chamber

www.jcaustralia.org

Part of the global organisation Junior Chamber International, the Australian Junior Chamber runs many programs to help youth Entrepreneurs.

Commonwealth Business Entry Point

www.business.gov.au

The all-in-one Government site including information on Licensing, taxation, employing people, importing, exporting & statistics.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

These programs and organisations provide excellent opportunities for developing youth leadership skills. A great starting place would be to ask your local council about what programs they have on offer. Also many of the resources listed in the "General Programs" section have links to many leadership programs.

International Young Professionals Foundation

www.iypf.org

The IYPF works with young professionals to generate solutions to the challenges faced in creating a better and brighter future for all and to support and facilitate projects emanating from this process.

International Youth parliament

www.iyp.oxfam.org

IYP promotes youth participation in the development process, supports skills and capacity building programs, advocates for the rights and freedoms of young people and their communities, and supports young people's on-the-ground initiatives to achieve human rights, sustainable development and a culture of peace.

Leader Values

www.leader-values.com

Leader Values aims to be one of the best meeting places on leadership and value systems on the net. Leader values have personal experience of running large, global businesses, and provide resources for students of leadership, experienced organizational leaders and new leaders.

Green Corps

www.greencorps.com.au

Green Corps gives young people the opportunity to participate in projects designed to preserve and restore Australia's natural environment and heritage. Green Corps participants also gain improved career and employment prospects through accredited training, structured work activities and work experience.

United Nations Youth Initiatives

www.un.org/esa/socdev/unyin

www.unesco.org/youth

www.unaa.org.au

The United Nations works towards greater participation of youth in the social and economic life of their societies and runs programs that have many opportunities for youth.

AIIESEC

www.au.aiesec.org

AIIESEC is the leading GLOBAL organisation developing YOUTH LEADERSHIP. "We believe there is an opportunity to develop future leaders with a vision for Australian society within the global community. We do this by facilitating an international graduate exchange program and provide participants with the opportunity to develop their leadership ability through the activities we organize".

University Unions & Guilds

University unions and guilds are mostly runs by students and provide many opportunities for student leadership development. Contact your local university student Union or SRC for a wide variety of Leadership Programs and networks.

Political Party - Youth Programs

www.younglibs.org.au

www.alp.org.au

Interested in politics? Australia's main political parties have programs that help youth learn and participate in the political process while developing their leadership abilities.

Future Leaders

www.futureleaders.com.au

The Future Leaders Forums are designed to provide young people with inspiration and skill development for effective leadership. They expose Year 12 students to leadership initiatives, new concepts and inspiring role models.

OTHER RESOURCES

YOUTH BUSINESS RESOURCES

Austrade

www.austrade.gov.au

The GST Start-up Assistance office

www.gststartup.gov.au

The Small Business Show

<http://smallbusiness.ninemsn.com.au/smallbusiness/Default.asp>

Young Entrepreneur - Resource Site

www.youngentrepreneur.com

Young Entrepreneurship

www.zeromillion.com/young

Businesses for Sale

<http://australian.businessesforsale.com>

Micro Business Network

www.mbn.com.au

Big Wigs

www.bigwigs.biz

Young American's Business Trust

www.ybiz.net/yabtmainb.htm

Innovation Backing

<http://backingaus.innovation.gov.au>

Enterprise & Career Education Foundation

www.ecef.com.au

LEADERSHIP RESOURCES

Young Leaders Foundation

www.youngleadersfoundation.org

Rotary Clubs Australia

www.rotarypirie.asn.au

Lions Programs

www.lionsclubs.org.au/programs.htm

YMCA

www.ymca.org.au

YWCA

www.ywca.org.au

Virtual Student Parliament

www.studentparliament.net

Youth Creating Digital Opportunities

<http://ycdo.takingitglobal.org/index.html>

Commonwealth youth exchange council

www.cyec.org.uk/home.asp

APEC - Young Leaders Forum

www.youngleadersforum.org

Youth - LEAP will be available online at 'the source' website.

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