

# Training and job chances lift Playford Alive locals

Playford Alive Works is having a super-sized year helping to provide hundreds of local people with opportunities to undertake accredited training courses or to find work experience and employment opportunities.

Programs are underway, aimed at connecting local people in the Playford Alive community and City of Playford to further education, training and employment pathways.

One of these programs, Word@Work, is tackling numeracy and literacy for local people who better engage in learning through 'project based' facilitation. It provides stepping stones for 24 people, aged 17 and above, into further education and/or training and is being delivered by training organisation INFUSE for Playford Alive, the City of Playford and DFEEST's Adult Community Education Program (ACE).

For some, health services are a pathway to work. Northern Health Pathways is a fully-funded accredited training initiative helping locals get into health services careers. The first 10 participants, who began their course almost a year ago, are nearing the end and funding has been secured with EQUALS International and DFEEST's Productivity Places Program for another course for a further 15 people.

The end result of the course is a Certificate III in Aged Care and will enable suitable graduates to go on to undertake a Diploma of Nursing.



Word@Work Construction and Building participants.

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