

INDIGENEOUS YOUTH LEADERSHIP TREK OF THE KOKODA TRAIL 1-10 AUGUST 2010



The **Jobs Australia Foundation** is committed to building a fairer and more inclusive society. Created to provide direct assistance to some of the country's most marginalised communities, the Foundation aims to set the agenda for positive social change. It also provides a vehicle for network members and others to contribute to innovative projects that are achieving tangible and lasting results in areas of real need.

The Foundation's initial focus has been on supporting positive and sustainable change in disadvantaged Indigenous communities. The Foundation's first grants, announced in mid-2008, contributed over \$200,000 to existing programs aimed at developing and promoting the importance of Indigenous leadership, and youth leadership in particular. The grants support two highly successful Indigenous organisations with strong track records in achieving real and lasting change in communities nation-wide: the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre (AIRC) and the Stronger Smarter Institute.

Indigenous Youth Leadership Trek of the Kokoda Trail

In 2009-10, the Jobs Australia Foundation will expand its investment in Indigenous leadership. In addition to its ongoing partnerships with the Stronger Smarter Institute and the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre, the Foundation will co-ordinate a leadership trek on the Kokoda Trail for around sixteen young Indigenous leaders and their mentors from across the country.

This life-changing experience is designed to build on the leadership skills of a hand-picked group of participants and to nourish their potential as role models in their communities. For many of the young participants, the trek will be the first trip outside of their community; for all of them, first-hand experience of the Trail, the opportunity to meet with local Indigenous Papuan groups and completing components of a Cert II in Indigenous Leadership will be a chance to challenge their thinking and grow into a role model.

There will be many months of preparation, including training sessions, practice hikes, phone hook ups with fellow participants, preparation work for their Certificate II components, providing their school and/or community with updates and progress reports and begin to build relationships with fellow their mentors and fellow participant from within their local area.

The trek will take place 1-10 August, 2010. To make this ambitious project a reality, the Foundation is seeking funding partners from within Jobs Australia's own network of members, and corporate and philanthropic sectors.

QUERIES

Including donations, participation and media. Please contact: Amanda Watt, Jobs Australia Foundation foundation@ja.com.au; 03 93493699 or 0408343513.

PURPOSE OF TREK

- Build leadership capacity of participants and mentors.
- Experience and share Indigenous culture with local Papuan groups.
- Encourage young participants to become positive leaders and role models within their communities to lead positive change.
- Partner with each participant's school and/or family and community to encourage and support participants in their current activities with clear milestones and goals pre and post leadership trek project.
- Seek to extend and challenge participants.
- Improve participants' capacity to engage with peers.
- Become part of a team with other young Indigenous leaders with diverse interests, strengths and passions.
- Share experiences and learnings with their community throughout the project and following the trek.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Participant ratio:	1 mentor to ever 2 youths
Number of participants:	Max 25 (including approx 8 mentors; 16 youths; + 1 Patron
Geographical rationalisation:	Nationally – with at 2 participants and 1 mentor from each state and territory where possible
Inclusions for participants and mentors	All associated travel and trek costs to Papua New Guinea All associated travel and trek costs to pre-trek leadership camp in Lamington National Park, Queensland - March 2010. Appropriate hiking equipment and use of camping equipment All vaccination, visa, passport and travel insurance requirements

WHO SHOULD APPLY AS A PARTICIPANT?

Indigenous people who:

- are aged 15-20
- believe they are potential role models and leaders
- want to make a positive difference in their communities
- are open to learning and sharing with peers, Indigenous Papuans and mentors
- will share experiences and learnings with peers and their community throughout the project and on return
- will participate in a training program with mentor & fellow local participant/s as attached
- will regularly communicate with Jobs Australia Foundation, mentor & fellow local participant/s as agreed
- are willing and able to attend a leadership and training camp 16-19 April, 2010 at Lamington National Park near Brisbane for 3 days
- are willing and able to trek the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea 1-10 August, 2010
- are willing to meet individual guidelines that may be set in consultation with participant, mentor, and school eg: attendance at school; support of their family and community etc

WHO SHOULD APPLY AS A MENTOR?

Indigenous people who:

- are currently performing in a mentor role or working closely with Indigenous youth
- preferably have an established relationship with participant/s who have also applied from your same region
- will foster active communication between two local participants on an agreed basis
- will actively support two local participants with advice, leadership
- will actively communicate and provide updates to Jobs Australia Foundation on an agreed basis
- assist with a physical training program for each participant (training guidelines supplied and support will be available online).
- are willing and able to attend a leadership and training camp 16-19 April, 2010 at Lamington National Park near Brisbane for 3 days
- are willing and able to trek the Kokoda Trail in Papua New Guinea 1-10 August, 2010

PRE-TREK LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING CAMP

A 3-4 day pre-trek training and leadership camp will be held in April 2010. The head guide from the Kokoda tour group will be leading a two-day camping trek in the Lamington National Park. Leadership sessions will also be presented throughout the camp by Indigenous trainers and leaders. This camp will provide an opportunity for participants to:

- begin two components of the Certificate II in Indigenous Leadership;
- meet and engage with fellow participants and mentors;
- experience camping, trekking, and the tour format;
- build confidence by travelling away from their communities with their mentor; and
- participate in team-building exercises.

PATRON

Kyle Vander- Kuyp is confirmed as Patron for this Leadership trek. Aside from his success in athletics, Kyle has received many honours, particularly for his contributions to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sport. In 2003 he won the Charles Perkins Award.

Kyle was appointed to the Australian Sports Commission Board in 2008 and spends a great deal of his time in ambassador and mentoring roles for both government and private enterprises, including:

- Indigenous ambassador for the Australian Department of Human Services, working to build awareness of Government services;
- Ambassador for the Red Dust Role Models program, delivering healthy lifestyle messages in remote Indigenous communities;
- Olympic ambassador for BHP Billiton, visiting communities all over Australia to promote Olympic values mentor for Athletics Australia's Jump Start to London 2012 program, helping to identify talented Indigenous athletes;
- Ambassador for Elmore Oil's Future Champions Program, to provide opportunities for disadvantaged young people.



Kyle has committed to participating in the trek and will be available as a support to both participants and mentors pre, post and throughout the leadership trek.

Please complete the application form and return it by 4 December 2009 to:

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Email: foundation@ja.com.au

Need help? Call Amanda Watt
on 03 93493699
or via foundation email

YOUR DETAILS

First/Given Name(s):

Last/Family Name:

Preferred name (if different to above):

Date of birth:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Mobile Number:

What is the best time of day for Jobs Australia Foundation to phone you?

Street Address:

Town/City:

State:

Postcode:

Postal Address (if different from above):

Town/City:

State:

Postcode:

MORE ABOUT YOU

Do you identify as being: Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Both

Where were you born? (town, state):

How would you describe your ability to communicate in the English language?

Fluent Conversational With difficulty Not at all

Will you require translation services? Yes No

What other languages do you speak?

Which of the following best describes the place where you live?

Major City Inner Regional Outer Regional Remote

Have you ever travelled outside of your community?

Never Once only 2–5 times More than 5 times

Do you hold a current Australia passport? Yes No

Are you able and willing to travel to Lamington National Park in April 2010 to attend the pre-trek leadership training camp? Yes No

Which airport will you be departing from?

Jobs Australia Foundation will attempt to provide all financial and logistical support where needed. This needs to be negotiated prior to travel. We anticipate you will travel with your mentor and fellow participant from your region.

FINAL SECTION - Tell us 10 things about you and why

1. Are there any special requirements or personal concerns that may impact you during the trip? (Include food/dietary requirements or health issues)

2. Why would you like to participate in this Leadership initiative and trek?

3. Have you participated in any leadership activities in the past?

4. What do you hope to achieve from the program?

5. Any comments, concerns or observations you have about the training or the planned trip?

6. Describe your community

7. What change would you like to see in your community?

8. How do you motivate yourself when faced with difficulties?

9. What skills do you think you need to gain/strengthen to be an effective leader and creating positive change?

10. What other things do you want us to know about yourself?

Thank you for your application!

Please call Amanda Watt on 03 9349 3699 if you have any questions or would like assistance completing this form. Successful and unsuccessful participants will be notified in January 2010. Please note limited places exist for this program.