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Juno

juno.org.au

Project Name

EMPower Peer Connect – Social Networks for Economic Mobility & Wellbeing

This project aims to support marginalised women to achieve employment and life goals. Through peer meetups and group courses, the participants will build work and life skills, social connections and a mentoring network.

2021 Focus Area: Homelessness, Family Violence, Employment and Economic Empowerment

Juno partners with women who have experienced, or are at risk of, homelessness and family violence, to support their safety, increase their independence and enable them to thrive. Of the 350 women Juno works with annually, 33% were born overseas, 47% are single mothers, 89% are not in paid employment, and over half live with a diagnosed mental illness. Services include case management, accommodation, and access to resources and specialised supports



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River Nile Learning Centre

rnlc.org.au

Project Name

Preparing Refugee & Asylum Seeker Women for Employment

This project aims to place newly arrived refugee and asylum seeker women into respectful, ongoing paid employment, providing them with greater independence and integrating them as productive members of the community.

2021 Focus area: Employment and Economic Empowerment

River Nile Learning Centre (RNLC) was established in 2006 to assist the African refugee community. RNLC works to empower young refugee and asylum seeker women through education, with a focus on English language, literacy, numeracy, life and work skills that are essential to integrate and thrive in our community.



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The Social Studio

shop.thesocialstudio.org

Project Name

Designing Our Futures: Women's Empowerment Scholarships

This project aims to overcome barriers to economic and social participation faced by refugee and migrant women, by enhancing their educational and employment opportunities.

2021 Focus area: Employment and Economic Empowerment

Part educator, part retailer, part production house and all about people, the Social Studio is a non-profit social enterprise that uses fashion and creativity as a cultural connector to create pathways into long-term, rewarding education and employment for young people from migrant and refugee backgrounds who face barriers accessing education and/or employment.



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Banksia Gardens Community Services

Banksiagardens.org.au

Project Name:

Good People Act Now (GPAN)

This project aims to increase knowledge about gender equality as a means of preventing family violence and violence against women. A key objective is to empower young people in the municipality of Hume to use their voice and raise awareness of the issue in their communities.

2021 Focus area: Family Violence

Banksia Gardens Community Services is a vibrant neighbourhood house and community service organisation located in the heart of Broadmeadows. With a strong commitment to community development and creating opportunities for people and communities experiencing disadvantage and poverty, programs encompass early childhood, education and training, young people, environmental sustainability, community participation, social justice, and advocacy.



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Fitted for Work

[Fittedforwork.org](https://fittedforwork.org)

Project Name

Women's Economic Empowerment Program

This project aims to create a pipeline of 300 empowered, skilled work-ready women who will have access to employment through Fitted for Work's recruitment social enterprise.

2021 Focus Area: Employment and Economic Empowerment

Fitted for Work's mission is to help women experiencing disadvantage get work, keep work and navigate their working life with success. The organisation offers a range of services and programs to provide women with practical skills, knowledge, self-esteem and know-how, so they can move forward with confidence in the workplace.



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Free to Feed

freetofeed.org.au

Project Name

Commercial Cooking Training and Employment for Refugee Women

This project aims to enhance the financial security, employment readiness, personal and social wellbeing for 18 refugee women with a passion for cooking.

2021 Focus Area: Employment and Economic Empowerment

Free to Feed was founded in late 2015 to assist people seeking asylum to find meaningful employment opportunities using their existing skills and experiences, and to facilitate community interconnectivity and break the sense of social isolation often experienced by new arrivals. The organisation runs two employment and professional development programs delivered by a team of experts and partners.



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