

# Community Investment Committees

## Community Investment Committees build local solutions to youth unemployment

Community Investment Committees are a core part of the place-based model used by the National Youth Employment Body (NYEB) and Transition to Work Community of Practice. Committees build community-led solutions to youth unemployment, beyond those achieved by programs and agencies working alone.

Each Committee brings together key local stakeholders, including **employers and industry, youth employment service providers, skills and training, all levels of government, young people and key community organisations**, to create and strengthen pathways that support young people into meaningful jobs.

Committees achieve this by leveraging existing efforts and government investments, drawing on real time data and local expertise to identify barriers and opportunities in youth employment, and developing strategies that benefit both young people and local employers and industry.

### How Community Investment Committees work in place

The Brotherhood of St Laurence is supporting the establishment of Community Investment Committees in local communities across the country as a sustainable mechanism to drive action to improve local youth employment outcomes, beyond program and political cycles.

Community Investment Committees call on members to contribute and take collaborative action to:

- Align local work and learning opportunities for young people.
- Develop innovative approaches that enable young people to access opportunities.
- Support local businesses and the inclusive economic development of their community.

Committee members and others in the community work together to:

- Share diverse knowledge, and increase understanding of local labour markets, policy, government investments and other impacts on local youth employment pathways to inform local solutions that improve youth employment outcomes.
- Co-design and trial innovative approaches to youth employment that leverage community expertise, efforts and government investments.
- Ensure pathways are co-designed and driven by local employer champions, so that they are fit-for-purpose for local employment opportunities and support the local economy.
- Coordinate and strengthen work already taking place in the community to increase youth employment opportunities while also informing national policy and practice through the Transition to Work Community of Practice and National Youth Employment Body.
- Participate in wider campaigns and activities to improve youth employment, and promote a positive view about the potential of young jobseekers to contribute to their community.
- Contribute to the continuing review of the model underpinning the work of the Transition to Work Community of Practice and National Youth Employment Body by providing feedback on outcomes, and taking part in the Brotherhood's research evaluation of what works at a local level.

*Community Investment Committees harness local expertise and investments to develop place-based solutions to improve youth employment.*

*“Community ownership is key...it's place-based, so it needs to be focused around where we work, and there needs to be ownership and sustainability to everything we do.*

— Shoalhaven CIC participant

*“With employment you actually need heavy involvement across every sector, including every level of government.*

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