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Breaking Down Barriers:

Jobs Townsville North Queensland Committee to Host Indigenous Youth Engagement Event

The Townsville Regional Jobs Committee (Jobs Townsville North Queensland) and Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland are hosting an industry-led event to support businesses in engaging with Indigenous youth for job and training opportunities.

Research undertaken when developing the Connect & Educate guide, a tool soon to be released to accompany the two websites recently launched as part of the Jobs Townsville North Queensland Resource Kit, has found that there is a need to bridge the gap between jobseekers and businesses in the region.

The event, which is proudly supported and funded by the Queensland Government through the Regional Jobs Committees Program, will take place on Saturday May 6th 2023, from 10am to 12pm at the PCYC Upper Ross. It will offer an opportunity for Indigenous youth and their families to engage directly with businesses and organisations looking to hire and/or offer work experience or training.

“There are businesses who want to hire from the indigenous community but struggle to engage, and there are young Indigenous people who would like a job but face extra barriers in gaining employment. Bringing various support groups, agencies, businesses and community together is a good first step towards achieving the goal of workforce participation and addressing staff shortages, particularly in certain industries,” said Kate Teys, Project Manager for Jobs Townsville North Queensland.

The event will feature speakers sharing their own career journeys, music, prizes, and a free BBQ. Everyone is welcome, and no registration is required.

Those supporting the event include Woolworths, Toyota, Brilliant Painting Group, Concentrix, The ATO, Wilson Security, Reels, Defence Recruitment, On Common Country, ABIS Housing, Skills Hub, Tendercare, and many more. Support agencies include Busy at Work, Link and Launch, DESBT, TecNQ, TAFE, MEGT, DSDSATSIP, Cowboys, Rotary, QPS and PCYC.

"We are excited to bring together Indigenous youth and businesses to break down barriers and create opportunities. We hope to see a lot of young people and their families coming along" said Manford Reed the Co-owner of the Brilliant Painting Group.

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