**MEETING MINUTES – YOUNG NETWORKS FOUNDATION (YNF) PROJECT**

**DATE:** Tue 27 July 2010

**VENUE:** ACU Banyo (Following Agenda North Event on campus)

**PRESENT:**

Julian Foley (Young Networks Foundation)

Sarah White (PBBNW)

**Logan Labs & Forest Lake Update**

Julian provided update of progress with Logan Labs and also explained as soon as have cohort of 10-15 kids, can recruit a local coordinator to manage Forest Lake. Suzanne will be looking after Brisbane Labs. There is a big corporate precinct at Springfield which would be ideal for corporate partners / employers for the project.

**Redcliffe Labs Update**

Julian gave overview of Redcliffe Labs discussions to date and said Derek, MWTrain Business Manager was extremely keen to participate and was able to grasp the project concept and business potential. Julian flagged need to talk further with MWTrain and Prime Learning to determine the scope of each RTO partnership with YNF.

**YNF Project Scope**

Following the previous discussions with TSFPB (BNW), Julian discussed potential sites for YNF projects as: Logan, Redcliffe, Chermside, Forest Lake and Brisbane (inner city). Julian suggested that TSF could act as a partner / employer and sponsor several trainees in their own sites.

**YNF Traineeships for 2010/11**

Julian raised issue of need to promote traineeships to schools asap as the closing dates for school-based traineeships was pending. Ordinary traineeships and existing worker traineeships would still be viable during 2010. Julian suggested working with TSFPB (BNW) to develop partnerships for employer buy-in. The breakdown of supervision at work as part of the traineeship is likely to be: 2/3 supervision on the job by the employer, and 1/3 supervision by YNF/RTO. Julian said the YNF site is expected to be up by end of next week and once live, can pull in school principals – they can be invited to be part of the project from the beginning. They might like to engage their students in holiday workshops or school-based traineeships, and could be involved in their development. These would be genuine partnerships with schools even if the school-based traineeships were not possible in 2010.

**YNF Promotional Strategy**

Julian mentioned Wayne had discussed links with Mx and Quest in the previous meeting at TSFPB Chermside Office and potentially using these links to promote YNF programs / traineeships. Sarah discussed Brisbane City News coverage of Ronny Schroeter’s iphone app (Twitter Wall developer for Workforce Council conference).

**Digital Economy Skills Mapping**

Sarah discussed need to investigate whether anyone has conducted digital economy skills mapping for specific industries or whole economy in Australia. Julian suggested looking at e-health agenda in Australia and specific agencies that may have mapped changing skills demands in health industry. One key question may be which apps is the health industry using now?

**New Enterprise Pathway Option**

With the developing social media skills of YNF project participants, how can a pathway be provided to them to foster new digital enterprise? Julian discussed his idea for the development of a new social enterprise to take on this role of supporting young people to develop new digital enterprise, similar to Seedcamp program, possibly managed by YNF using the skills of someone like Kim Eupene.

**YNF Partnerships With Libraries**

Julian discussed proposed ways for libraries to tap into YNF projects as partners, including using printed activity sheets to engage younger library clients (following advice from the libraries). Libraries could also host YNF Holiday Workshops – however a fee would need to be applied to cover cost of session leader on group exercises and other resources (eg: mobile phone apps costs). Libraries could access YNF online activities, with no special access needed and librarians providing minimal support. A printed handout / worksheet could be provided to participants to allow for librarian supervision and self-managed learning. Julian will continue thinking about ways to partner with libraries to utilize their resources and staff, and ways to support the kids/staff in YNF library activities.

**Embedded YNF Programs**

Sarah and Julian discussed prospects of YNF Embedded Programs as skills development and career/learning pathway option, with libraries as one entry point into YNF programs. Volunteer programs could also be included as YNF Embedded Programs, along with other programs run by libraries, disability services, neighbourhood centres, and many other community-based services. Issues raised in embedded program contexts included broadening the target group to work with a range of kids incl. those with disabilities, how can program participants access the space / equipment / technology needed, etc.

**YNF Holiday Workshops**

Julian provided further clarity around how holiday workshops could run, with the program host finding someone through YNF networks or their own networks to act as session leader. A volunteer program could be attached to support the workshop participants. Workbooks will be available for a fee as well as cost of any session leaders involved.

**Next steps:**

* Julian will continue to develop ideas for library partnerships which utilize their resources and staff, and ways to support the kids/staff in YNF library activities.
* Sarah to look further into digital skills / industries mapping work as part of Due Diligence stage of TSFPB framework
* Julian will continue discussions with potential RTO partners with view to meeting with TSFPB (BNW) to discuss project/s further.