

Volunteer Mentor Recognized.

Kylie Crealy, one of Job South West's volunteer mentors recently won the Volunteer Encouragement Award from Volunteering South West, at their function on Thursday 17th May to profile and celebrate National Volunteer week (14th – 20 May). Kylie who mentors 2 participants on a volunteer basis with The Abilities Mentoring Program (AMP) identified that volunteering & mentoring was to be an important part of her contribution to the community and work readiness strategy. Kylie completed the NOW (New Opportunities for Women) course, run through Jobs South West last year, and is currently studying a Certificate II in Community services, looking for a career in this area.

Mentors provide a vital function in the community, particularly in rural towns where professional assistance is often unavailable. The AMP is funded by FACSIA (Dept of Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs) under the Mentor Marketplace initiative and is administered by Jobs South West, who recruits and trains mentors from Bunbury & remote towns to work with disabled young people in their own communities.

The AMP-SW target group is young people (12-25yrs) who have a disability and live in the South West of West Australia. The program provides one-on-one mentoring services and activities aimed at assisting young people to build their self esteem, improve relationships with their family and peers and also improve their engagement with education, training, the workplace and the community. Anyone interested in becoming a mentor or referring a young person to the program can contact Rhett Topliss at Jobs South West on 97215033

(Photo's of Kylie at the awards can be obtained from her, and she is happy to be interviewed; contact details can be obtained through Jobs South West)

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