

Mentoring Conference 2008

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GET UP, STAND UP, STAND OUT

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Bunbury is set to attract speakers like Perth lawyer Patti Chong and Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan to a Statewide mentoring conference next month.

The Get Up, Stand Up Mentoring Conference, run by Jobs South West, will offer a raft of speakers who will share their different styles of mentoring and its benefits with young people.

Jobs South West chief executive officer Posy Barnes said mentoring was a core activity of Jobs SW, but was an area of social development that was often overlooked.

She said the conference was open to all those who work with young people, especially those with disabilities.

Jobs South West trains people on a professional or volunteer basis to meet young people and help them build social skills and connect with employment or training options.

"At the conference people will be able to learn about new methods of working with young people, developments in the industry and meet with other community service professionals around the State," Ms Barnes said.

Registrations have already been taken from Perth, Albany and Manjimup and Ms Barnes said part of the conference's role was to showcase the South West.

"That's why we've got it on the Friday so people will be encouraged to stay the weekend in the region," she said.

Accommodation packages are available for visitors to Bunbury and registrations can be made by calling Gemma on 9721 5033.

The Get Up, Stand Up Mentoring Conference will be held at the Lighthouse Beach Resort, Ocean Drive on Friday, November 14 from 9.30am to 4.30pm followed by a networking sundowner.

Registration costs \$50 and includes all catering, while mentors and non-wage earners enter free, however, places are limited to 150 so early registrations are encouraged.

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