Position Description – Youth Advocacy Group Member (Latrobe Valley)

Volunteer position

February 2018

Introduction

Ladder provides development services to young people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who may also be disengaged from employment and/or education. Ladder delivers these services in both structured accommodation settings to help young people transition to independence and through early intervention programs aimed at preventing homelessness. The philosophy underpinning Ladder's mission is to work with young people using innovative approaches that demonstrate real and lasting changes, with the values of sport at its core. Ladder is the official charity of the AFL Players Association and the charity partner of the AFL.

The Program

Step Up Latrobe Valley is a unique Ladder program that aims to provide opportunities for young people aged 16 to 25 to test and assess a range of career options that align with their skills, strengths and interests. *Step Up* aims to develop key skills relevant to work, offer unique employment experiences and develop social connectedness, value and belonging. Using an *Advantaged Thinking* approach, Ladder will invest positive energy into young people helping them to realise their skills, strengths and value and match them to positive employment and educational experiences.

Key responsibilities and duties –

- Attend *Step Up Latrobe Valley* Youth Advisory Group (YAG) meetings regularly
- Advise Ladder staff on spaces, program structure, design and referral process
- Develop and foster a positive culture with YAG
- Promote Step Up Latrobe Valley to peers and community, where appropriate
- Bring both positive ideas and critical feedback to Ladder via YAG

YAG members will be remunerated for time spent on YAG duties, including meetings and consultations with gift vouchers over the tenure period of March 2018 to May 2019

To apply for a YAG member position or for a confidential discussion contact Fiona Doultree; fiona.doultree@ladder.org.au or 0438 254 781