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Where to get the Covid Vaccine

People who are [currently eligible](#) to receive a Covid-19 vaccine can book an appointment at a vaccination centre in Victoria.

A list of vaccination centres and their opening and closing times can be found [here](#).

Walk-ins are available at some of the vaccination centres, although you are encouraged to book ahead. **You can book by calling 1800 675 398 and press 0 for interpreter support.**

Extension of Extreme Hardship Support Program

The Extreme Hardship Support Program (EHSP) has been extended until October. This is an important development for Victorians on temporary visas, particularly given the renewed impact of Covid-19 on

our communities. Those who are experiencing extreme hardship and are not eligible for Commonwealth support and are either on a temporary visa or an undocumented migrant can apply for the program [here](#).

Jobs Victoria Information Session

Officers from the Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions are running an information session on employment support services, grants and eligibility criteria for people on temporary visas who are seeking employment. This will be held online on **Wednesday June 16th at 1pm**. This will be open to everyone across the EHSP network and their community members. Register [here](#).

Covid-19 Update from Professor Ben Cowie

Professor Cowie is the Senior Medical Advisor, Executive Director - Engagement and Partnerships, COVID-19 Immunisation Program, Department of Health. He will be providing an update about keeping safe and getting vaccinated on **Thursday 17th June at 6:30pm**. Zoom link [here](#).

Services Australia Update

Appointments Available Soon

Services by appointment will soon be the standard way that Services Australia offers face-to-face services. Your clients will be able to skip the queue and visit a Service Centre at a time that suits them. The Appointment based service is being rolled out following a successful trial.

Video Chat Option

Services Australia are using video chat so people don't

need to go to a Service Centre. They have set up a Virtual Service Centre in Canberra to trial conversations using video chat. Staff have been booking video chats with clients since November 2020. From May 8th, some students claiming Youth Allowance online can book a video chat appointment to confirm their identity. Video chat is completely voluntary and people can still choose to go into a Service Centre if they prefer.

Crafting Your Future: An Event for Multicultural Youth in Bendigo

Crafting Your Future is a workshop for young people aged 15-25. The workshop will be held on **Wednesday July 7th from 9:30am to 4pm at Fosterville Gold Tennis Centre, Bendigo**. Register [here](#).



The poster features a bright orange background with the title 'CRAFTING YOUR FUTURE' in large, white, distressed font at the top. Below the title is a photograph of four diverse young women smiling, framed by a white and blue wavy border. At the bottom, there is a white text box with the description: 'A program for young people to identify pathways to achieving their dreams'. Three logos are displayed at the bottom: REACH, City of Greater Bendigo, and Joboon Campaigne Multicultural Services.

CRAFTING YOUR FUTURE

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Professional Development & Training

**Language Services Innovation Grants
Online Forum**

The Department of Health (formerly the Department of Health and Human Services) established a Language Services Innovation Grants program in 2017.

The program aimed to improve the capacity of public hospitals to address language services challenges and increase the uptake of interpreters in acute settings, with a particular focus on people from refugee backgrounds including people seeking asylum.

The Victorian Refugee Health Network and the Department of Health invite you to join an online forum where Language Services Innovation Grants recipients will share their project learnings. **The forum will be hosted online on Wednesday June 23rd from 2pm - 4pm.** You can find out more information and register for this event [here](#).

Foundation House Course: Understanding the Life Trajectories of Survivors of Trauma

This Blended Course provides access to self-paced learning materials, including lectures, articles and resources, and two half day interactive workshops to discuss and expand upon this material. The course will run on **July 13 & 20 from 9:30am to 1:30pm**. The course will be held **onsite at Foundation House Brunswick, subject to health advice – otherwise live on Zoom**.

The course provides practitioners with a trauma informed understanding of theories of psychosocial and cognitive development and challenges. It explores ways of working with individuals who have experienced torture and other traumatic experiences at different stages of their psychosocial and cognitive development, using a developmental approach.

Fee: \$380, Early Bird discount \$340 if you register before 16 June

This course is suitable for professionals working with people from refugee backgrounds including

*psychologists, social workers, counsellors,
psychotherapists, youth workers, education and early
years workers etc.*

Further information and registrations [HERE](#)

About the Victorian Refugee Health Network

The Victorian Refugee Health Network brings together health, settlement and community services to be more accessible and responsive to the needs of people from refugee backgrounds, including people seeking asylum. The e-Bulletin provides a regular forum to share news, resources and information to support practitioners and services in providing health care to people from refugee backgrounds.

Connect

You can contact the Victorian Refugee Health Network secretariat at info@refugeehealthnetwork.org.au. You can subscribe to the [e-Bulletin here](#).



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