

## Geelong Region Local Learning and Employment Network (GRLEN)

### The Role of GRLEN

There are 31 Local Learning Employment Network groups throughout Victoria. They aim to help jobseekers of all ages achieve sustainable employment through partnerships with key regional organisations. They also facilitate student access to structured workplace learning placements which are tailored to local priorities and employment opportunities.

### How can the GRLEN assist local schools?

- Provide SWL Portal training to relevant staff
- Provide regular regional up-dates on trending industries, workplace data and innovative projects
- Facilitate business/industry/community & school connections and partnerships
- Facilitate VET industry talks
- Develop and promote resources to assist teachers to prepare young people for work
- Facilitate guest speakers, industry tours and 'taster' programs
- Assist with mock job interviews on-site and/or virtual
- Supply of the Teacher Toolkit: a unit of work with on-line capacity to enhance students' engagement with the world of careers in our region.

<http://www.grllen.com.au/resources/geelong-careers-2020-teacher-tool-kit>

- Participate in career expos and special events promoting positive pathways
- Contribute to regional network groups such as the Geelong Career Teachers Association (GCTA), the VCAL Cluster, VET Teachers, SBAT Taskforce, the Geelong Inclusion Network & the Geelong Pre Employment Professionals Network.
- Provide pathway related social media posts via Fb: [GRLEN](#)  
Fb: [GRLEN SWL](#)  
Fb: [Geelong Careers](#)
- Present Work Readiness Training sessions for students in Years 7-12

The **GRLLEN** focuses on strengthening school links to industries in our region. The team aims to increase the potential for young people to access education, careers advice and training to maximise their employment opportunities.

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