

EXTERNAL CONFERENCE FINAL REPORT

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1. TITLE OF CONFERENCE

- 2009 NSW DET Young Professionals' Network Conference

2. CONFERENCE ORGANISER

- NSW DET Young Professionals' Network Steering Committee: Charlene Davison, Shelley Hall, Heather Hukins, Katie McGuigan, Karolina Nacovski, Angela Page, Claire Todd and Alison Winter

3. DATE OF CONFERENCE

- September 30, 2009 – October 1, 2009

4. MAIN CONFERENCE THEMES

- Developing and progressing your career within the Department of Education

5. CONFERENCE OUTCOMES (BRIEF DESCRIPTION MAX 100 WORDS)

- Establish Mentors within the DET especially with the mature-aged employees to allow sharing of knowledge
- Continually make and maintain networks and contacts to allow for progression within the organisation; Look for, and take opportunities to progress

6. POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS AND/OR BENEFITS TO INSTITUTE/SECTION/STAFF

- Interest and enthusiasm from younger staff members to learn and develop themselves within the DET, to allow for the retiring workforce to successfully share information with competent and willing employees.

7. CONFERENCE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION (PAPERS, CD, WEB LINKS ETC)

- A variety of resources were provided and have been stored on the Job Placement Team Shares Server: <\\umfres2\StudentAssociation\JOB PLACEMENT 2009\Young Professionals Network\2009 NSW DET YPN Conference>. These included Policy Outlines as well as Personal and Professional Development worksheets.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS/FURTHER ACTION

- To support and develop the Young Professionals working within the DET, to allow for progression and sharing of knowledge
- Establishing Mentoring Programs within the Organisation
- Encouraging the upcoming Young Professionals (aged 18-35) to participate within organisations activities, and assist with networking within the organisation

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