

# **Surviving to Thriving**

## **at the ASRC Innovation Hub**

presenters

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# Who we are

The ASRC Innovation Hub opened in January 2015 with a vision to engage and empower members to claim agency for themselves and their communities.

**1,062** members have been engaged in Hub programs and activities since it opened.

On any given day in the Hub, approximately **65\*** members arrive to engage with one or more of our programs.

# Who we are

We come from diverse backgrounds, with a range of qualifications and experiences.

We are a community of members, volunteers and staff.

We are teachers, social workers, chefs, nurses, community workers, administrators, doctors, social and business entrepreneurs, and so many more!

# Our Way of Working

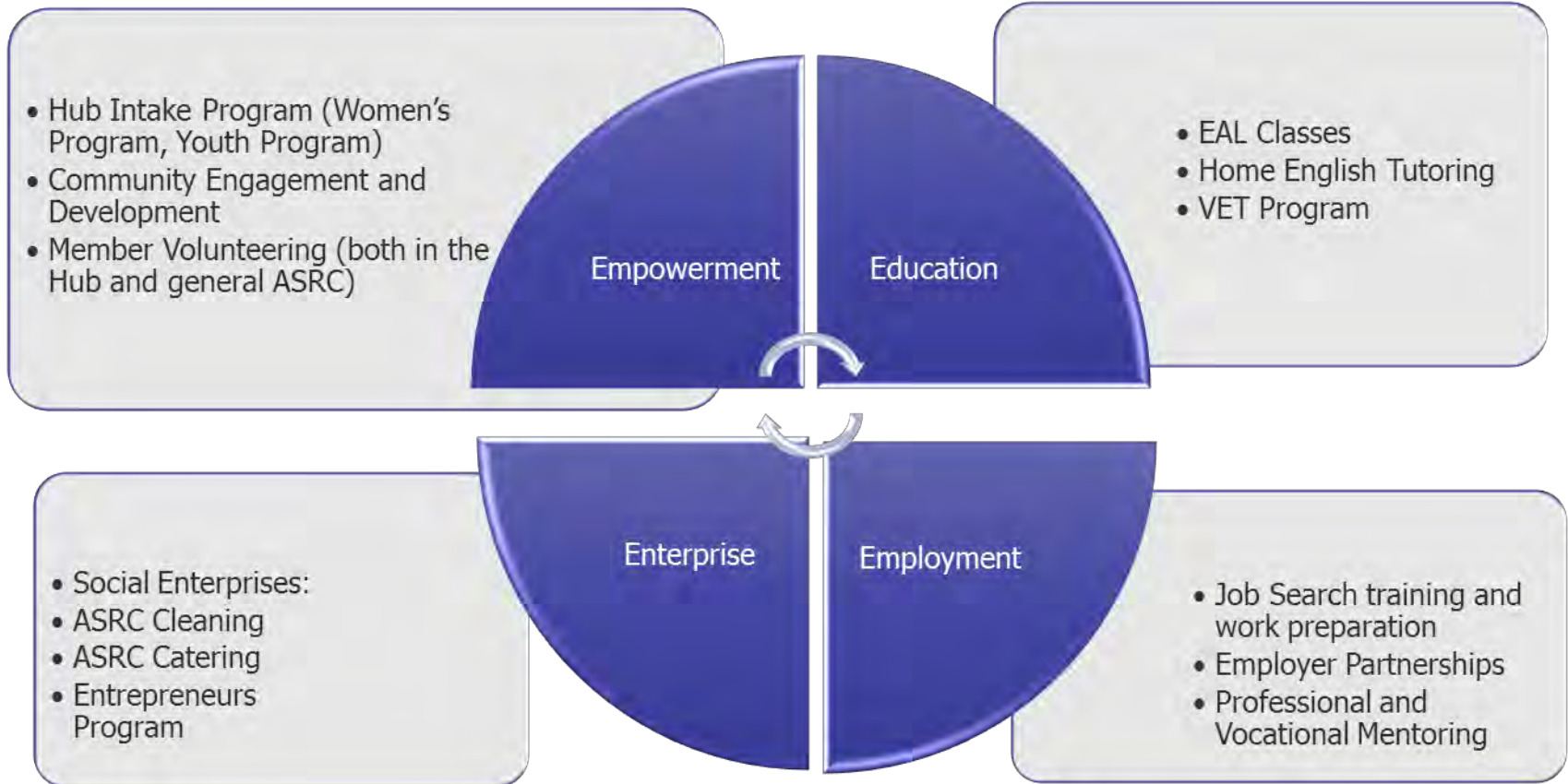
The Hub is about participation in all its forms.

It's about valuing and actively engaging people's skills and contribution.

The Hub believes people should have meaningful input and involvement in the programs and services that impact their lives:

**“...Nothing about me, without me.”**

# What We Do



# Our Way of Working

- Seeing the **whole person** first, beyond the labels.
- Acknowledging the **skills** and **strengths** of our members,
- Remembering the **challenges** they have faced, and still face.
- Ensuring a **culturally safe** and **responsive** environment - a “home away from home”;

# Our Way of Working

- Creating space for mutual learning and exchange of ideas and skills – for deep **collaboration** and **innovation**.
- Creating **opportunities** for members to experience a sense of accomplishment and pride in who they are, and who they can be.

# Why we work this way

- Encourage members to **maximise** opportunities and live more fully, even in the midst of uncertainty.
- Support Members gain control of their lives and **identity** – a sense of “**coming home to yourself**”.
- Provide a place to take risks with **dignity** and **support**, even if this results in failure.



# Our Programs

**EAL – 31 classes** each week across Footscray and Dandenong Centres

**HET – 20 tutors and members** currently matched

**EAL Conversations – 30** small sessions per week

**ASVET –** Approximately **400 referrals** to VET Certificate 1 through to Advanced Diploma since July 2016 s

# VET Pathways for School leavers

Pathway planning for young people seeking asylum is essential.

Currently the only reliable further education/training option for people seeking asylum is Skills First Government subsidised training

BVEs TPVs and SHEVs are the only visa holders eligible for the State Government's Skills First subsidised VET.

# Supporting Young People

Ensure you know what visa type your student has before pathway planning.

Young people can be deeply affected if they learn they hold a visa type that excludes further education

What supports/options do these young people have?

VCAL – VETiS

Scholarships

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