

ASVET 2023 PD Workshop:

Summary of the breakout sessions:

Strategies shared on the benefits of working collaboratively to improve outcomes for people seeking asylum:

- Connect effectively with people seeking asylum, who are the primary stakeholders, addressing barriers to access education and employment opportunities.
- Collaborating and networking with other organisations in the sector is crucial, especially during staff turnovers and restructuring, to sustain established relationships.
- Service providers should familiarise themselves with the Victoria's education and employment landscape, staying updated on new policies and changes in Vocational Education and Training (VET) space. This ensures efficient referral of people seeking asylum to appropriate organisations.
- Implementing trauma-informed practices is essential when supporting people seeking asylum and refugees.
- Organisations are encouraged to hire staff from culturally diverse backgrounds to provide more tailored services to students with similar backgrounds.
- Informing people seeking asylum about current available services, such as Skills First, ACFE, Reconnect Program, Jobs Victoria Mentors (JVM) and TAFE-Skills and Jobs Centre, is crucial.
- Building confidence in our clients before referring them to another service provider enables them to engage and advocate for themselves effectively.
- Organisations are advised to back track people seeking asylum who were deemed ineligible, providing them with accurate support.