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YIEP is funded by the State Government through the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED). The program is also proudly sponsored by BHP Billiton.

There are a lot of Indigenous people supporting it too – many of them either run their own businesses or have got business experience they are willing to pass on to you – and it's all free of charge.

About DTED

The Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED) is South Australia's key agency promoting trade and economic development across the State in line with recommendations of South Australia's Economic Development Board (EDB) and South Australia's Strategic Plan.

DTED provides leadership across government and facilitates the long-term sustainable economic development of South Australia by building stronger and more effective partnerships between government, the private sector, our educational institutions, research and development organisations, unions and communities.

DTED contributes to the development of a vibrant, competitive, diverse, growing and sustainable South Australian economy by focusing on;

- enhancing skills;
- fostering innovation;
- regional development;
- growing small business and manufacturing;
- promoting increased investment; and
- developing infrastructure to underpin growth.

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What's the program all about?

The Young Indigenous Entrepreneur Program (YIEP) is a hands-on way to help young Indigenous people learn about starting their own business.

It's open to all young Indigenous people who want to have fun, develop business skills, and start their own business.

You don't need a business idea – in YIEP you'll work with a team of other young Indigenous people to decide what sort of business you'd like to run and organize a business plan . . . you will learn all the skills you need to start you on the way to business success.

YIEP gives you practical help, coaching, advice, and puts you in touch with other Indigenous people who are running successful businesses so they can help you along the way.

How does it work?

First you work with a team for up to twelve months. During this time you get mentoring from Indigenous and non-Indigenous people who are already successful in business.

After that you're eligible to apply for a scholarship, which gives you \$5,000 to spend on developing your own personal.

What happens?

Some of the things you'll do include:

- training in business planning and development
- taking part in motivational sessions to help self development and motivation to help you reach your full potential
- form a company
- design and develop a product, which will then be sold to the public
- control the marketing, finance, human resources side of the business
- develop a business plan
- develop a full set of financial reports.

By doing this, you will

- develop your business skills
- become more employable and experienced
- have the opportunity to receive accreditation (Certificate II in Business); and
- have the opportunity to receive 2 units of SACE accreditation

Who can get involved?

YIEP is open to Indigenous people between the ages of 15 and 25 who live in South Australia.

You can find out more, and get involved in the program as a participant, mentor or sponsor by checking out the contact details on the back of this brochure.

What's in it for me?

YIEP will broaden your horizons, boost your confidence, introduce you to a lot of good people with the same sort of aims and ambitions as you – and you'll have a lot of fun along the way.

You get skills, knowledge, and confidence to set out and turn your dreams into reality.

If you're in business, you can be part of the program by being a mentor, or a sponsor, or both. That way you know you're helping make a real difference to young people who want to create their own future in the business world.

The Indigenous Business Awards

Your involvement in YIEP may also help you to win one of these titles:

- Indigenous Entrepreneur of the Year
- Indigenous Young Entrepreneur of the Year (under 25 years)
- Indigenous Young Entrepreneur Company of the Year.

How do I get in touch?

You can get more information on the Department of Trade and Economic Development website and become a participant, facilitator, mentor or sponsor by contacting the Department of Trade and Economic Development on (08) 8303 2053.