

SETS Community of Practice

Communique: First meeting of Cross-Sector Partnerships sub-group

Videoconference – 16 July 2020

On 16 July, the SETS Community of Practice (SETS CoP) held its first meeting for members of the Cross-Sector Partnerships sub-group.

Terms of Reference and Interaction Rules

All attendees agreed with the updated SETSCoP Terms of Reference and Interaction Rules, with no amendments required.

Area of focus

There was general consensus that the focus for this sub-group be on sharing of best practice for cross-sector partnerships. Discussions could include the sharing of:

- strategies to partner with Job Active Providers
- successful partnerships with TAFE
- support from Centrelink Multicultural Services Officers (MSOs)
- collaborations with not-so-obvious stakeholders
- partnerships that facilitate volunteering, internships and microbusiness, in addition to employment opportunities.

The importance of collaboration

Attendees noted the value of collaboration and the necessity to build strong relationships with other stakeholders, especially Job Active providers. Some shared of successful employment outcomes, by holding regular network meetings with Job Active providers, Centrelink, TAFE and employers.

A few providers highlighted the importance of having specific partnerships to support women with employment, as women continue to face additional barriers to employment.

Some attendees shared collaborative projects they deliver, while others highlighted that the success of cross-sector partnerships may be influenced by other factors such as client characteristics and the economic climate.

Attendees saw benefit in creating more localised working groups and collaborations, which could feed into the larger SETSCoP sub-group. Contact details will be circulated by the Secretariat.

Resources shared

- [SETSCoP Terms of Reference and Interaction Rules](#)
- [Work and Welcome Program \(Multicultural Australia\)](#)