

Scarf hospitality training pilot program

Scarf* it down!

*verb (used with object) *Slang.* To eat, esp. voraciously



Monday night Scarf dinners at Mama Ganoush 56 Chapel St, Windsor

What - Scarf will be a restaurant which runs hands-on hospitality training and mentoring programs for marginalised youth, including refugees, new migrants and Australian youth, who face barriers to accessing fair training and employment opportunities. Our programs directly connect these young people with hospitality professionals who will act as mentors and trainers. Scarf has just begun a 12 week hospitality training pilot program in a borrowed restaurant – this pilot program comprises hands-on training sessions and mentoring, as well as dining events that are open to the public.

Who - We're putting eight trainees through the pilot program – they have been referred to us through organisations such as the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. Our hospitality mentors are currently working in Melbourne restaurants such as Gigibaba and Birdman Eating.

Where and when - The training and dining events will be held at Mama Ganoush, 56 Chapel St, Windsor. They happen every Monday night from August 9th – October 25th 2010.

How much - The cost is \$35 per person - this includes a two course set menu (with choice), Di Bella coffee and petits fours from Abbotsford Biscuits. De Bortoli wine and Little Creatures beer are available to purchase on the night.

Why - Scarf is a non profit start-up social enterprise. We plan to be an operational restaurant and multicultural community hub by mid-2011. In the meantime, the hospitality training pilot program is a tentative model for future development, so that we can test our training systems and build valuable networks in the hospitality industry and social sector.

Bookings are essential. To book, contact Jess – jess@scarfcommunity.org or 0488 777 527

More information can be found at <http://www.scarfcommunity.org>

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