



YOUTH MENTORING NETWORK

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## Partner Organisations



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**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

*Creating Possibilities Through Relationships*



**DUSSELDORP  
SKILLS FORUM**



ABN 13 000 037 538



- 12 months (review)
- Further 2 year commitment
- Equal partners



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## Aim of the partnership

*To work with interested youth mentoring organisations and practitioners to foster the growth and development of high quality mentoring programs for young people in Australia by providing a national base of collaboration, support, guidance and expertise.*



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## Youth Mentoring Network Website

Three target groups:

1. Potential volunteer mentors
2. Young people looking for a program (or someone who knows a young person making a referral)
3. Youth mentoring practitioners



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## Youth Mentoring Network Website

### Three Functions for Practitioners:

1. National database of youth mentoring programs
2. Stay Connected – Electronic Newsletter and national mentoring email group
3. Current tools and resources



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## Additional Resources

- What's New
- Mentor and Mentee of the Month
- Program of the Month
- Tools and Resources
- Research
- Policies and Standards
- Conference, workshops and events
- Links



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# NRGize

- 3 Day workshop
- How to establish, manage and evaluate a program
- Includes a 450 page resource folder
- Tested



## NRGize Workshop

Kickstarting & Strengthening Your **Mentoring** Program

Supporting Partners:



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## NRGize Trainers

- Experienced mentoring practitioners which include
  - academics
  - program managers
  - consultants
- All volunteer to be trainers at the workshops



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## Other Initiatives Planned

- Networking Forums
  - Professional Development Component
  - Discussion Topics
  - Informal networking
- Australian Research
- Australian Resources
- National Conference 2007/08



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## How can you be involved?



- Subscribe to the:
  - National Mentoring email group or
  - Monthly e-newsletter
- List your program on the National Youth Mentoring Database



Become an active member and  
join a working party



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