

## Media Release

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## Call for volunteers to help Northern families navigate post-Year 12 opportunities

Are you interested in helping families navigate post-Year 12 study options?

The Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment is looking for volunteers in three Northern communities to help families navigate post-Year 12 options for young people.

One international summary study has shown students' capacity to do well and feel good about being in school increase when families are engaged in young people's education.

The Centre will run an 18-month project in George Town, Scottsdale and Launceston's Northern Suburbs – Rocherlea, Mayfield, Newnham, Mowbray and Invermay – and is calling for expressions of interest from people to benefit from free training and lead the community discussion groups that will be at the heart of the project.

Project coordinator Marcel Kerrison said such engagement would create an opportunity for parents and carers to learn about and discuss what post-school options are available to their children, building networks and community resources in the process.

“We hope the sessions will help participants gain a greater understanding of the options available for their young people, and connect them with industry and tertiary education options such as the University of Tasmania,” she said.

“We are looking for community leaders who are willing to learn how to facilitate group sessions and are interested in helping families understand the different opportunities available.”

Successful applicants will receive free training in facilitating and leading group sessions and receive a certificate of attainment once the training is complete. They will need to commit 4-5 flexible hours a week for 25 weeks.

The project is funded by the Tasmanian Community Fund and supported by The Smith Family, Colony 47 and Dorset Council.

To register your interest, contact Marcel Kerrison on 0417 622 047 or email [marcel.kerrison@utas.edu.au](mailto:marcel.kerrison@utas.edu.au)

### **The Peter Underwood Centre for Educational Attainment**

Launched in February 2015, the Peter Underwood Centre is a partnership between the University of Tasmania, the Tasmanian State Government and Government House.

Its purpose is to support transformation in Tasmanian education, leading to increased levels of educational attainment and economic and social benefit for the state.

The Centre's mission is to inspire Tasmanians to embrace learning and prosper from investing their time in education, and provides expert independent and non-partisan research and policy advice focused on raising educational attainment.

### **MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:**

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