Festival of Learning Showcase

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Strategic theme: Rich, interactive learning experience

Subject Title: Integrating Higher Education Aspiration with Sustainability Activities (Ride AHEAD)

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Brief Description:

The overall aim of this presentation is to showcase an alternative and interactive approach to learning experiences, designed for youth at risk from low SES backgrounds. The presentation is based on a pilot project from the Addressing Higher Education Access Disadvantage (Curtin AHEAD) program at Ethics, Equity and Social Justice, leveraging on sustainability activities to raise aspirations to higher education. Students from Parkerville Children and Youth Care participate in a ten week integrated bicycle workshop to re-engage young people with education. The project is innovative in the way it creates an interactive learning experience for both students from Parkerville and Curtin students through the Work-Integrated Learning. Ride AHEAD is an integrated program, encompassing elements of social, environmental and economic sustainability. Running for the second semester at Parkerville, it involves bicycle restoration, social enterprise, career development information and sustainability seminars.

Benefits:

There are multiple benefits for different stakeholders including learning about:

- A creative approach to engage with educationally disengaged youth
- The perceptions of higher education amongst hard-to-reach societal groups
- An innovative approach to promote sustainability in our community

Time/Day: Monday 16 March 2015, 1:30 – 2:30pm

Duration: 30 -40 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes question time

No. of Sessions: One

Venue: Building 300:Room 219

Special Requirements: Power Point projector with audio.