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St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland to upskill local jobseekers in Brisbane

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Jobseekers from diverse backgrounds and parents returning to the workforce in Brisbane's south will be trained in new job ready skills thanks to St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland.

12 jobseekers will receive training to prepare them for work in a range of different sectors, as a Sampler and Tester, upon completion of a Certificate II in Sampling and Measurement, with the course beginning next month in Wishart.

The Skills for Working in a Commercial Laboratory Program will be delivered by St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland and registered training organisation FS Alliance, with the course enabling participants to develop skills in industries including food safety, construction, manufacturing and the environmental industry.

Executive Officer for St Vincent de Paul Queensland's Brisbane Diocese, Ray O'Donnell, said the program is an example of Vinnies motto of giving people a hand-up, not a hand out.

"This training will allow us to support unemployed members of the community in southern Brisbane to build their confidence and be more job ready," he said.

"The participants will also have the opportunity to gain on the job experience with a local industry employer during a two week work placement."

St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland are also keen to hear from local employers who have the capacity to assist with the placement of participants in their business.

This training is proudly funded and supported by the Queensland Government through its Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative.

St Vincent de Paul Society's Brisbane Diocese, supported 43,505 Queenslanders in need in 2017.

In 2017 St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland assisted 306,831 Queenslanders and provided \$191 million in services and support to people in need.

For more information on the Skills for Working in a Commercial Laboratory Program in Brisbane contact St Vincent de Paul Society Queensland's Community Education Coordinator Brooke Laidlaw on (07) 3010 1083.

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