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Vinnies to help Annerley job seekers

Jobseekers from diverse backgrounds and parents returning to the workforce in Brisbane's south will be given a kick start to a career in the sciences thanks to Vinnies.

Eligible jobseekers will receive 12 weeks of part-time training beginning 23 April in Annerley.

The Vinnies Pathway to Laboratory Skills program, delivered by Vinnies and a registered training organisation, assists participants to develop skills which are in demand in industries including food safety, construction, mining, manufacturing and the environmental sectors.

Students will gain a Certificate II in Sampling and Measurement and improved chances of gaining work in roles such as laboratory and field assistants, sample couriers and plant operation.

Vinnies Community Education Coordinator Brooke Laidlaw said the course 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," she said.

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

"The course is free and also offers assistance with transport, personal protective equipment and other job readiness support.

"Parents who are looking to return to work are strongly encouraged to apply."

Vinnies are also keen to hear from local employers who have the capacity to assist with the placement of participants in their business.

Annerley is part of Vinnies Brisbane Region which supported 43,046 Queenslanders in need in 2018.

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

Two information sessions will be held on 10 April and 17 April from 10am to Midday at the Annerley Hall, 8 Waldheim Street Annerley and people should email their interest in attending to education@svdpqld.org.au

For more information on the program contact Vinnies Community Education Coordinator Brooke Laidlaw on (07) 3010 1083.

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