

A TASTE OF STREAT

Every night 10,000 disadvantaged young people from Greater Melbourne have no place to call home.

STREAT is a hospitality-based social enterprise that tackles this problem by providing vocational training and holistic personal support to young people aged 16-24. We aim to provide a sense of connection, safety and inclusion to our young people so they can thrive in all parts of their lives. We want them to feel a sense of belonging at STREAT, and know deeply that we're here to help them achieve a healthy self, healthy job and a healthy home.

HEALTHY SELF

We provide wrap-around support including individual case management, linkages to other specialist service providers as needed (drug and alcohol, mental health, housing services), group Work Readiness programs, and creative and social activities.

HEALTHY JOB

We provide a range of hospitality programs including accredited certificate courses, work experience programs, and short courses. We also provide workplace training and mentoring for each young person across STREAT's inner Melbourne cafés and production kitchen. As a social enterprise, STREAT reinvests 100% of profits back into supporting and training youth.

HEALTHY HOME

We work towards our young people having a safe and long-term place to live through partnerships with a wide range of Melbourne housing services.

Cromwell STREAT

Our large cafe, artisan bakery, coffee roastery, catering & functions business, youth training space and head office in Collingwood. It allows STREAT to further scale its programs to a greater number of young people each year, plus also reach the point of complete financial self-sufficiency (we're currently 70% self-funded). STREAT's model takes young people who really need a hand and provides support, skills and real work experience from across our operations, enabling their transition into open employment.

Fast facts

Since starting in Federation Square in March 2010 with two small food carts we've had....

- Over 1,100 young people in our programs
- Who've worked across our now 7 businesses
- And helped serve 2 million meals and coffees to our customers
- Whilst gaining over 65,000 hours (that's over 35 years!) of life-skills support, hospitality training and work experience.

Cafés / Sites

- 66 Cromwell Street, Collingwood
- Melbourne Central, Ground Floor
- 485 Bourke Street, Melbourne — with RACV
- RMIT Bowen Street
- Alphington Markets



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STREAT'S YOUTH PROGRAMS

STREAT works directly with young people who find it very difficult to access the basic rights and benefits of living in Australia – things that most of us take for granted. A home, a family, some friends, an education, the chance of a job. To them it feels like the world's most livable city has left them behind.

The young people who come to STREAT in Melbourne all face a range of tough barriers, including:

- 100% being unemployed or underemployed
- 64% having diagnosed mental health issues
- 60% having been socially isolated
- 45% struggling with drug and alcohol issues
- 40% having struggled with homelessness
- 34% having had legal, youth justice or corrections involvement
- 30% being early school leavers
- 23% being from Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) communities
- 9% suffering financial hardship
- 9% coming from Out of Home Care
- 9% having physical health issues
- 6% being Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
- 6% identifying as LGBTIQ+

STREAT excels in meeting a young person wherever they're at, and then providing the necessary support, coordination of specialist services (like housing, drug and alcohol, mental health, juvenile justice), and training and support services.

STREAT's work with marginalised youth is well known and highly regarded in the sector. We offer five different programs (Outreach, Taster, Entrée, Main Course and STREATS Ahead) that are tailored to suit the particular young person.

It costs STREAT \$6,000 to put a young person through our 6-month Main Course program. Since 2010 around 400 young people have started this program, which currently has an 82% completion rate, with 72% of the trainees still being retained in a job or further education 6 months after graduating.

Photos: Trainees in the Cromwell STREAT cafe and bakery in 2017 and their Main Course 18 graduating classmates.



There are many ways you can support STREAT and help these young people. We'd love to meet with you and explore the possibilities.