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Adelaide youth connect to their future

Young people in the Southern Adelaide region will now benefit from *Connections*, a program helping those who have dropped out of school to re-engage with education and reach their full potential.

Ms Amanda Rishworth MP, Member for Kingston, today launched the *Connections* program in Southern Adelaide.

“This is great news for our local area. I know this innovative program will assist our youth in reaching their full potential,” Ms Rishworth said.

“Adelaide’s youth will now have the opportunity to expand their skills base and improve career options.

“Sometimes young people struggle in the mainstream education system and that is where the alternative approach offered by *Connections* is so valuable.”

Connections will run over three years as part of the Australian Government’s Career Advice Australia (CAA) initiative, aimed at assisting youth aged 13 to 19 to achieve a successful transition through school to further education, training and employment.

Mission Australia will partner with other organisations in the region to deliver individually targeted services and education across a range of accredited courses and life skills programs.

Over \$34 million has been allocated for *Connections* for the four-year period to June 2010, enabling around 3000 young people to receive support each year through 60 services across Australia.

For more information about CAA go to: www.careeradviceaustralia.gov.au.