

COMMUNITY MINDED?

*WHY NOT LOOK AT A CAREER
IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT?*



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COMMUNITY SERVICES/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

There are a wide range of Community Services careers available in Local Government.

Local Government is a significant provider of child care, youth work, aged and disability services and activities to support different ethnic and cultural groups in the community.

Some of the specific jobs include:

- Child Care Workers, who care for infants and young children in various care settings, such as child care centres.
- Community Workers, who work with community groups to develop appropriate services and facilities to meet their needs – this is particularly important and exciting in areas with a variety of ethnic groups.
- Cultural Heritage Officers, who identify, assess and conserve places and objects that have cultural heritage value.
- Youth Services Officers, who work with and support young people, to deal with social, emotional or financial problems. This might include outreach work on city streets to running community education and recreation programs for local governments or providing a voice for young people on a range of issues such as health services or employment.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are many pathways into community service and community development roles in councils. Some options include:

- Applying for a cadetship or traineeship position with a council and studying while you work
- Moving into a community service role from another area within council
- Completing a university or vocational qualification prior to working in council

Some jobs in community services do not require a university degree. There are vocational education and training courses offered by TAFE and other Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) which will articulate into degrees, if you choose to take your education further.

Examples of qualifications you might consider are:

- Bachelor of Social Science or Bachelor of Social Work
- Certificate IV and Diploma of Community Development – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate II in Community Services Support Work (available as a school-based traineeship) – TAFE or private RTO

Specialist areas include:

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)
- Diploma of Children's Services – TAFE or private RTO
- Certificate III, IV and Diploma of Youth Work
- Certificate III and IV in Aged Care Work

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT...

- www.lgsa-plus.net.au and www.careergov.com.au to learn more about careers in local government
- www.counciljobs.com to look at jobs currently available in local government
- www.goingtouni.gov.au to see the range of university courses available
- www.tafensw.edu.au to find out more about TAFE courses in NSW
- www.counciljobs.com to look at the jobs currently available in local government
- www.sbatinnsw.info to find out more about school-based traineeships in NSW
- www.lgsa.org.au to locate all councils across NSW

Remember, council job opportunities are advertised in local and national newspapers.