

CASE STUDY: DRESS FOR WORK



Dress for Work assists clients experiencing financial hardship. The program provides immediate and practical support to job seekers

AT A GLANCE



Target Participants

Male migrants from a refugee background, or otherwise suffering hardship



Aim

To provide clothing for men who cannot afford quality clothing for job interviews and appointments



Organisations Involved

Metro Assist



Location

Bankstown, NSW



Funding

Dress for Work relies on donations

Dress For Work is a not-for-profit organisation

relying on donations and community support to dress men who are in financial need for job interviews and important appointments.

The model behind Dress for Work is based on goodwill. Quality business attire is donated by individuals, or through clothing drives within companies and organisations including schools, government agencies, clothing manufacturers, small businesses and large corporations.

Clients include men who are suffering mental health problems or physical disabilities, long term unemployed, refugees, as well as men who have recently been released from prison.

Dress for Work caters for all ages and demand for the service is increasing. In the 2014-2015 financial year, Dress for Work assisted 1,500 clients, 400 of whom have found employment.

Clients are referred by community organisations, Job Active agencies, Centrelink, hospitals, high schools and TAFE colleges from as far afield as the Central Coast and Wollongong.

Janette, a Dress for Work volunteer noticed the difference the suit made to his demeanour almost immediately. "He arrived quite reserved, slightly hunched but when he put that suit on, it was like he was a new man – he stood up straight and he was smiling ear to ear."

Observations of a client

For More Information Visit:

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