



## Peer Skills Facilitator Training Information Ipswich

UnitingCare Community (formerly Lifeline Community Care) is pleased to offer facilitator training to schools and agencies wishing to implement the Peer Skills Program as part of their work with young people.

This training is *freely available to workers from schools and agencies that are supporting young people affected by Queensland's natural disaster events of 2010-2011.*

Funds for this project have been made generously available through Virgin Mobile.

### Peer Skills Facilitator (2-day) Training

Wed, March 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 – 9am to 4.30pm  
Thurs, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 - 9am to 4.00pm

Morning Tea and Lunch provided

### Ipswich Training Venue

Ipswich Hospice Care Inc  
37 Chermside Rd, Eastern Heights  
Ipswich

### Registration Process

Please discuss the program information with your school or agency and if interested forward the completed Registration Form to:

[peer.skills@ucommunity.org.au](mailto:peer.skills@ucommunity.org.au) or

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### For More Information

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Information about the Peer Skills program is available on the Peer Skills section of the UnitingCare Community website [www.ucommunity.org.au/peerskills](http://www.ucommunity.org.au/peerskills)

*Please note: training places are limited to 16 participants.*

When the completed Registration has been received, applicants will be contacted with confirmation of a place in the training and further information.

### Peer Skills Mission Statement

Peer Skills aims to provide skills, knowledge and strategies to assist young people to develop self-understanding and effective supportive relationships. Underlying this aim is a belief in the worth of young people and their capacity for effective engagement with each other, families and communities.



## Peer Skills Information

### What is it all about?

In 2006, Lifeline Community Care undertook carriage of the Peer Skills program developed by Kids Help Line. UnitingCare Community aims to offer training to suitable workers in your area to incorporate the delivery of the 2-day Peer Skills workshop into their current work with young people.

The program includes innovative ways of working with young people that are fun and engaging. Using an experiential learning mode of delivery, the program is based on the philosophy of empowerment and is child centred in its approach.

### Why Peer Skills?

The program was developed as a response to the recognition through calls to Kids Help Line that young people *often* turn to their fellow students for support in difficult times, *before* they turn to parents, counsellors or school staff.

The workshop is designed to acknowledge and build on existing skills with ideas, knowledge and strategies for helping young people in their own lives *and* when they are supporting a peer.

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### Criteria for Facilitators

UnitingCare Community is keen to hear from suitable workers in your area who meet the following criteria:

#### **Essential**

- Work with young people who have been affected by Qld's natural disaster events
- Strong commitment to working with young people
- Understanding of issues facing young people
- Experience in group facilitation
- Able to articulate understanding of client-centred practice
- Basic understanding of the counseling process
- Understanding of adolescent development

#### **Desirable**

- 2 years experience working with young people
- Experience as a group facilitator with young people
- Demonstrate empowerment experience
- Demonstrate client-centred practice experience
- Qualification in relevant discipline

We are keen to hear from interested workers, schools & agencies that would like to incorporate the Peer Skills program into the work they do with young people.

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