Jobs Australia Foundation’s aim is to set the agenda for positive social change. It is committed to building a fairer and more inclusive society, with a focus on supporting personal and community capacity building. Through the Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP), the Foundation supports Indigenous young people and mentors, who are emerging leaders to develop and strengthen their leadership skills and knowledge, so that they can create and lead positive and lasting change within their lives and the community.

During 2010–11 the Jobs Australia Foundation delivered the first IYLP. Based on the success of the IYLP the Jobs Australia Foundation agreed to commit to delivering a second program, which commenced in January 2013 and concluded in October 2014.

The 2013–114 IYLP was designed to extend the leadership capabilities of the young leaders and mentors. Inherent to the training was the strengthening of leadership and employability skills with participants, young and old, becoming clearer about their skills and abilities and the employment, education, and training opportunities available to them.

It is envisaged that participants will build a strong and connected network which will include their peers, educators, and leaders from all around Australia, and be exposed to different cultures and cultural practices as a result of their travel to locations such as remote central Australia for the Cultural Walk and the trek of the Kokoda Track in Papua New Guinea.

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