

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, WORK AND WELLBEING AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE¹

Work integration social enterprises (WISE) provide employment or pathways to employment for people experiencing barriers to work.

WISE working with young people:



Improve physical health and healthier behaviours



Build young people's capacity to act for themselves



Support mental health

WISE achieve these outcomes by:

Offering multiple work activities through which young people develop skills and learn from a variety of situations

Promoting the strengths of young people through their networks and customer relationships



Providing wraparound support and emphasising young people's assets and abilities



Providing positive and inclusive workplaces designed to support wellbeing



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To make the most of the benefits of work integration social enterprise (WISE) for young people:

Health promotion

professionals can support cross-sector partnerships and integrated program planning and implementation.

WISE and their partners

can model and promote the benefits of inclusive employment, and consider the roles of young people in organisational decision-making.

State and local governments

can create market opportunities for WISE through promotion and procurement.

The federal government

can recognise and resource WISE as an effective form of labour market activation, particularly for Australians experiencing multiple barriers to work.

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