

## HSSO Monthly Update

### CEO UPDATE

Hear the latest from our CEO Jodi Schmidt



Welcome to our first update for 2022.

I'm sure you will agree that 2022 has started somewhat differently than what many of us were expecting. But where there is challenge, there is opportunity and I'm hopeful that our 2022 program of work will provide valuable solutions to employers across all industries of human services and training providers alike. In this edition I want to focus on some exciting news, the launch of our *Workforce Development Initiatives portal*.

As an outcome of the [Mapping the Sector project](#) we have released our [Workforce Development Initiatives portal](#). This much needed resource brings together information on workforce development programs, initiatives, research and learnings from across the Human Services sector.

Anyone involved in planning workforce development initiatives will know the challenge of finding information, which exists across a national, state, and local level, by a range of stakeholders. The portal simplifies the research process. You can browse or search by areas of interest, target groups, and location.



Perhaps most importantly, the portal is an ongoing and collaborative effort. While managed by the HSSO it is industry-led, and your ongoing contributions will continue to add value and strengthen the bank of information.

[ACCESS THE PORTAL](#)

### Submit your initiatives for inclusion



You can submit your own initiatives through the **Add Project** feature. All submissions will be reviewed for suitability before publication.

As a result of sector collaboration, we expect to see greater salience of workforce development opportunities and increased efficiency and confidence for anyone tasked with implementing such an initiative in their organisation. We anticipate that with time it will lead to 'best practice' methods being shared and the implementation of workforce

development programs that are responsive to changes in the human services sector. This initiative will inform future decisions about investment of time and funding for workforce development.

### Share with your networks

The portal is accessible via our website, or [directly through the link](#). Save it as a favourite and share it with your networks where you can.

Over the coming months, we will be rolling out more exciting and innovative programs. Make sure you keep an eye on your inbox for updates, information and how to get involved. For more information visit our website.

Take care everyone and stay safe.

Jodi Schmidt  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Human Services Skills Organisation**

### New year, new website

We've launched a new look website that will make finding information about the work of the HSSO much easier.

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### A guide to engagement, launching in February 2022

In February we will launch our *How To Engage guide*. An important resource for employers and registered training organisations.

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### Students and workers looking for placements in aged care

The Aged Care Workforce Rapid Response Initiative is helping connect students and experienced support workers with residential aged care providers via an online platform. Upload your vacancy, and connect today.

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### Getting the bigger picture

Here's how we're using a 360-leadership capability tool to get a skills profile of the sector.

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### Year13 campaign for social change

A campaign by Year13 aimed at young adults aged between 15 and 24 is shedding light on the human services sector.

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### Share your thoughts

We are keen to hear from you. If you have a good idea, or you would like to share your successes and challenges send us an email [communication@hssso.org.au](mailto:communication@hssso.org.au).

### About the HSSO

The Human Services Skills Organisation (HSSO) is an employer-led body addressing the growing and evolving workforce needs of the human services sectors through cross-industry collaboration and innovation. We represent employers across aged care, disability care, veterans' care, allied health, community health, youth services, and early childhood education and care, and work in partnership with training organisations, industry experts, peak and workforce bodies, and government to develop, pilot and deliver responsive, fit-for-purpose workforce development and training programs.



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