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Give Back to Your Community: Lead adult learning groups on education and career planning

The Huon Valley Council is partnering with the University of Tasmania (UTAS) to deliver an exciting training program that will upskill Huon Valley community members to give parents and carers information about education and job/career options for their children.

"We are seeking volunteers who are passionate about education and that want to help people find a job/career by leading the delivery of the UTAS Parents Matter program in the Huon Valley," said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. "Those selected will receive fully subsidised training [three VET units of competency] to plan and run community-based adult learning groups with support from Council's project team."

If you are interested in helping make the lives of families and individuals better in our community, you can find out more information on the Parents Matter program by coming along to an information session on Friday 6 March, 10:30am to 11:30am at the Huonville Library, 1 Skinner Drive, Huonville.

An information sheet and expression of interest form are also available on the Huon Valley Council website at <u>www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au</u> or by contacting Project Officer Donovan Szypura on (03) 6264 0300 or via <u>hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au</u>.

"Most children and young people begin to make choices about their education and job/career when they are in junior secondary school, or even earlier for some," said Cr Enders. "Parents, carers and other role models in our community play an important part in supporting, giving advice and connecting young people with opportunities. As adults we have a significant impact on our young ones' educational goals and expectations.

"This is a great opportunity for parents, teacher aids, youth workers or any community member who has a keen interest to make a difference in our community."

This program is funded by the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education.

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