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service guide

4 YOUNG PEOPLE



We began with the desire to create an organisation that is limitless. Oenghus Inc. creates, supports and provide services for young people and community...

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introduction...



So, what and who is Oenghus Inc. ? And, what is it that drives a group of individuals to create an organisation that is truly unique in the field of human services? What services does Oenghus have to offer and how can young people become the 'driving force' behind the BIG O? **The Oenghus Service Guide 4 Young People** has been developed to answer these and other questions about Oenghus, YOUR organisation... and maybe, just maybe after flicking through the pages of this service guide, you might like to consider how your personal journey and everything that you have experienced up until now can have an influence on the future of this organisation called OENGHUS Inc.?

If you are a young person, or someone that presently works with young people or even someone that has never worked with young people or within their community before but have considered becoming a volunteer worker or working professionally in what we at Oenghus consider to be the most rewarding experience of a lifetime, then this book has information for you.

Before you read on, let the words of one of many inspiring individuals guide your first step in the Oenghus journey... *"And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated by our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others"...*

Nelson Mandela (Former President of South Africa).

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The idea for Oenghus Inc. Youth Services was developed in 2003, although it didn't become an incorporated entity until 2006. The name Oenghus is hard to pronounce although we have interpreted it as

o-n-gus!



how this book works...

The Oenghus Service Guide 4 Young People is aimed at two groups of people. The 'white pages' contains information 4 people who work with young people and those who might like to know more about Oenghus (lots of young people may find this info interesting). While, the 'black pages' contains information **For Young People (lots of not so young people may find this interesting as well)**. This information will let you know what Oenghus is doing now! Remember we are always creating what is needed, so, if there is something you are looking for maybe a service, information or a program, and it is not listed, call us, if we do not provide this service now, we may in the future.....

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what motivated us 2 start?...

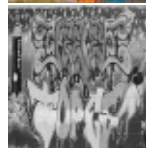
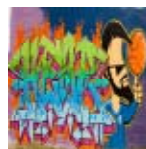
the beginning of our story...

There is an old saying that *“the only limits we face are those we make for ourselves”*, so with this thought in mind, Oenghus began with a desire to create a service that is LIMITLESS!

A service that recognises a need for MORE - more relevant service delivery for young people and community, more belief in the service ‘participant’, more training for those who work with young people, more care for workers, more innovative approaches... MORE!!! (And less of the same)...

In the beginning we were frustrated and concerned by our inability to assist those we work with. Many things impacted on this such as limited funding and the guidelines and access criteria in services and programs. As a direct result Oenghus founding members took the initiative and founded the Oenghus Inc. youth service.

In the summer of 2006 we took a significant and important step and became an incorporated not for profit, charitable body. In 2008, the Australian Taxation Office granted Oenghus Inc. Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. How to make a donation is mentioned later in this book.





OENGHUS is a Celtic character otherwise known as the 'Journeyman'. Legend has it Oenghus travelled the world and supported the young in their journeys. Oenghus Inc. Youth Services matches this philosophy, we support young people in their journeys.

who are we?

Just who is Oenghus Inc. Youth Service and what has it got to do with you? Oenghus works with young people under the age of 25, we also work with young people's families, community and supports. We believe that making a real difference means working with young people and those that support them. Help us make a difference - there is no age barrier to helping us .

the oenghus idea

Oenghus began with a desire to create a service that is ...

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what can we do 4 u?

Oenghus only promises what we can deliver... and the reason we can actually say this is, because we recognise that every young person that we work with is resourceful, has their own strengths and abilities and can make their own choices in meeting their own needs. **YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CHOOSE**, we just support you recognising your own potential.

our **mission statement...**



more than just words...

Oenghus Inc. is a new type of youth service that is dedicated to promoting innovation, the power in dreaming and importantly recognising excellence in everything that an individual brings. Oenghus is unique, one of a kind; and does not replicate anything that already exists.

Our mission statement is more than just words, it's a philosophy that aims to deliver exactly what has been summed up in a few simple lines...

"To deliver a service with respect, dignity and recognition of every individual's potential".

Our vision is to lead, inspire and transform the delivery of youth services, to be respectful and effective in meeting the needs of young people and those who work with them. Oenghus Inc. believes that the greatest asset we can bestow on the young people that we work with is BELIEF!





To honour the individual's ability, to determine their own solutions. Our programs are developed with client and their families and their network. Our respectful approach starts with the client. Our philosophy is that every individual is unique and capable and has unlimited potential.

OUR PROMISE!

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Dedicated to promoting innovation,
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oenghus does more of what works!

It's not ROCKET SCIENCE what Oenghus does when working with young people, and despite the years of experience that each member of Oenghus Inc. brings with them (See 'Our Bios') we truly believe that when it comes to being EXPERTS, we leave this to the young people themselves.

the founding members...

a mixed grouping...

Oenghus Inc.'s founding members consist of a wide range of community members, made up of young people (generally aged between 10 to 25 years), youth workers, accountants, psychologists, managers and health professionals and teachers, just to name a few!

The common theme amongst those that started the organisation was that none of us were satisfied with the services that exist for today's youth (not that we are being critical!), but we recognised the validity to create something new that would breathe new life into the youth service sector, embrace what is and create what ever else is needed! We want to lead, inspire and transform the delivery of youth services, to be respectful and effective in meeting the needs of young people and those who work with them...





We started with a key group of youth and community workers who wanted to address gaps in service delivery.

OUR HISTORY!



mary-anne clarke: (Coordinator) Mary-anne is a qualified Counsellor/Youth Worker/Criminologist with 12 years of experience in the youth sector. She shares a genuine passion for working with young people and anyone to have worked with her knows the special kind of magic she brings to youth services!



gavin evans: Gavin is a qualified Youth Worker/Project Manager with 15 years of experience working with youth and communities. He brings an energy and enthusiasm to Oenghus Inc that cannot be contained... **BEING PUMPED** is how he rolls. He is also Oenghus' Public/Promotions Officer.



dr arlette mercæ: Arlette is Oenghus' President. She has over 20 years experience as a Teacher in Tasmania and New South Wales and also is a member of the Advisory Council to the Commissioner for Children (since 2000). Arlette also assists in presenting Workshops.



anne-marie palmer: Anne-Marie is Oenghus' Secretary. More than that, she is a committed and community minded individual with a Teaching background and has supported the Ready Set Go Driver Mentoring Program.



kayla phillips & alex eastburn: Kayla & Alex are a dynamic duo and represent Oenghus Inc. as our Co-Vice Presidents. In this role, we figured that two heads are better than one! They are extremely creative, confident and are model ambassadors as Oenghus' more youthful members of the team.



richard scarr Richard is Oenghus Inc's Treasurer and is also the man responsible for the great photos of the street art in this booklet. Richard has many years experience in Business and managing finances (which is why he makes such an excellent Treasurer)...

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we deliver!



Our philosophy is that every individual is unique and capable and has unlimited potential. We can support participants and staff through practical support, training and referral

OUR PHILOSOPHY!

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You deserve the best and to give...

the best!

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we work together...

Working together should mean just that... WORKING TOGETHER.
There is no leader, no follower... we tread the same path, the same journey... we seek the same goals and share in the celebration of discovering what lies ahead!

our programs list...

y/p programs...

Oenghus Inc. has developed a range of programs that have assisted not only young people, but whole of communities. Oenghus also works in partnerships with other organisations to maintain a consistent flow of opportunities for young people.

Programs we have started or facilitated include:

- ☞ **Ready Set Go (RSG):** Community based learn 2 drive mentoring program that assist drivers build up their 50 hours driving time. The new lead agency for this programme is the Clarendon Vale Neighbourhood Centre.
- ☞ **LAN-DING/e-KIDS:** A computer based peer2peer techno-tainment program held at the State Library of Tasmania (Rosny Park). Now run by Luke Reynolds.
- ☞ **Cheryl's Angels:** A creative young women's resiliency, life skills and mentoring program that helps to raise self-esteem.
- ☞ **Counselling & Support (CAS):** Offers FREE youth specific and confidential counselling.

Oenghus is also involved in the NYW Festival at the Bellerive Boardwalk each year! Our programs are a result of extensive youth consultation and involvement! When we have a programme up and running successfully we look for possibilities of new people that would like to run the programme, so that we can support the sustainability of the programme and focus on creating something new. There are so many programmes waiting to be started!





Every journey commences with ONE. One person, one thought, one idea, one path, one endeavor. One is a WHOLE NUMBER and all it takes is for one moment to occur that can change how we perceive things as ripples of creation can radiate throughout the world.

ONE!

Oenghus **aim**shigh

A consistent flow of...

opportunities

aiming high!...

Oenghus Inc. are never the imitators, but the originators. So, if you have program that helps deliver a positive message, or may assist your community and or might assist in addressing a negative issue and turn it into a positive... we want to hear from YOU!!!

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we **work** in partnership...



!looking up...

Oenghus is constantly looking forward and is equally devoted to ensuring and inspiring excellence in service delivery. **PREVENTION** is our key to success by nipping problems in the bud before they arise! We look at finding solutions before they become problematic. Overall, we encourage the acceptance of individuality and endorse action instead of apathy. At Oenghus we believe that we are all born from great minds, skills, talents, spirit and heart. *Our journey has begun and it will continue to develop and evolve... come join us!!!*

investing in the future!!!...

Oenghus Inc. is seeking financial partners that want to be a part of taking the idea of working with young people to the next level... we do AIM HIGH and your involvement will help keep us there! Invest in the '**OENGHUS YOUTH & COMMUNITY FUND**' at the Westpac Bank - Rosny Park, Tasmania [BSB: 037-014, Acc: 21-4500]. **It's Tax Deductable...**





The core business of our practice is...

PREVENTION!

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Dedicated 2 making and creating...
Connections!

creating partners . . .

Oenghus Inc. creates partnerships with many Government, non-government, education, health and community services to best meet the needs of the young people that work with us in meeting goals. By creating partners all kinds of things can be achieved together... you know what they say: *"Many hands make light work"...*

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acknowledgements...

Well, its suddenly the last page of the **OENGHUS SERVICE GUIDE 4 YOUNG PEOPLE.**
 Just one last (but not least important thing) before you close the final page, I want
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**THE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT INSPIRE US & MAKES OUR JOB [?] THE
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Some logo's belonging to those that made this
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