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ACL Afghani Arts & Crafts Features at Auburn Festival

A colourful display of Afghani arts and crafts by ACL AMEP (Adult Migrant English Programme) Auburn students featured at Saturday's (8 September) Auburn Festival.

Marina Sherbak, Acting Educational Manager at the ACL Auburn College, said the display at the Festival followed a successful Arts and Crafts Show at the Auburn College last Thursday.

"The Show is part of the Pre SWE (*Spoken Written English*) Student Employability Skills Development Project," Ms Sherbak said.

"It was initiated and driven by ACL teacher Homeira Hussaini in collaboration with the ACL Auburn Youth Class teachers and students," she said.

ACL's youth classes, which originally started as a pilot program, target 18- to 25-year old students with varying levels of English language proficiency.

Apart from learning English, these classes identify employment skills and awareness; develop career direction; and assist with job searching skills and awareness.

A career counsellor also works with the students in an environment of learning English, developing job seeking skills and exposure to the Australian way of life through community excursions and sporting activities.

Ms Sherbak said the Student Employability Skills Development Project also supports Auburn Council's Small Enterprise Program.

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