



OUR VISION

A cafe and cultural food truck
business that is:

OWNED BY COMMUNITY
EMPLOYING COMMUNITY
TRAINING COMMUNITY
FEEDING COMMUNITY
BUILDING COMMUNITY

OUR MISSION

1. Employment: people doing what
they love
&
2. Meaningful community
advancement
via
3. A sustainable and thriving
enterprise



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LIFE HOUSE



A BRIEF HISTORY OF LIFE HOUSE CAFE

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre (CNLC) works with the people of Carlton and surrounding areas. CNLC received funding to facilitate a community led process to identify potential social enterprise initiatives, with a focus on creating employment opportunities for community members. 124 community members were engaged in conversations to share, refine and develop enterprise ideas. These ideas were collaboratively narrowed down to 3 for further development, and the LIFE HOUSE CAFE is one of the most popular across core sections of our communities.

Three core aims:

1. Providing employment and training pathways for community members
2. Creating a safe and welcoming HUB on the Carlton Public Housing Estate- a space that builds community, draws in the wider community + breaks down social barriers.
3. Provides healthy and culturally appropriate food for the community.

The idea builds on an RMIT led + City of Melbourne funded arts project at the Estate in 2006, which involved a re-purposed shipping container 'pop up' that was host to performances, markets and a cafe over summer.

COMMUNITY SNAPSHOT

A diverse community that canvases nationalities from the Horn of Africa, Middle East, South East Asia, South America and Eastern Europe, together with Australian born citizens.

37 % earn a weekly income of below \$300

1 in 5 residents earn no income
(ABS 2011)

THE CORE IDEA

1. THE HOME BASE:

A Shipping Container cafe, based at the Carlton Estate, providing food/coffee for the community, hosting cultural and performance events.

(we have access to the original shipping container from the 2006 Live House Arts Project).

2. THE MOVEABLE MONEY SPINNERS:

2 Mobile food trucks that can travel across Melbourne and Victoria to serve cultural food at festivals and events.

