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TECH GIANTS JOIN FORCES WITH YOUNG ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN WESTERN SYDNEY

Young Aboriginal people in Western Sydney will have access to state-of-the-art technology and training, thanks to an agreement signed by Microsoft and LinkedIn and the Kimberwalli Centre – a NSW Government initiative to support young Aboriginal people transition from school to further education and employment.

Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Sarah Mitchell witnessed the signing of the agreement and said it was a significant day for the Kimberwalli Centre.

“This agreement means all parties have pledged their commitment to the goals of the Kimberwalli Centre; to offer young Aboriginal people access to top-class facilities and training to achieve their goals and create sustainable, fulfilling futures for themselves,” Ms Mitchell said.

“This milestone is just another way the NSW Government’s Kimberwalli Centre is going from strength to strength, and I look forward to seeing how young Aboriginal people in Western Sydney benefit from this ongoing relationship with Microsoft and LinkedIn.”

The terms of the agreement will see Microsoft and LinkedIn develop digital skills resources for young Aboriginal people, and will also help with the set-up of the centre’s technology requirements.

Minister for Western Sydney Stuart Ayres said Microsoft and LinkedIn will also contribute volunteer staff to help those attending Kimberwalli navigate their career paths.

“This agreement focuses on reciprocal knowledge sharing; Microsoft and LinkedIn sharing their knowledge about technology and in-turn gaining a broader insight into the Aboriginal culture and people out here in Western Sydney,” Mr Ayres said.

“Kimberwalli appropriately means ‘many stars’, and I can’t wait to see how this centre will benefit young people in Western Sydney now and in the future.”

The NSW Government announced the \$20 million Kimberwalli Centre – originally referred to as the Aboriginal Centre for Excellence – in early 2015.

The Centre is due to open in the coming months.

For more information, please visit the Aboriginal Affairs [website](#).

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