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## TOMORROW'S GULF LEADERS MEET AT CENTURY



Twelve young people from some of Queensland's most remote Gulf communities came together at OZ Century over the weekend for the Young Leader's Forum.

The five-day workshop brought together young people from Mornington Island, Doomadgee, Normanton, Mount Isa and Burketown to help tomorrow's Gulf leaders develop their leadership and governance skills.

Management principles, effective communication and the importance of health and fitness were also key topics at the Forum, which was facilitated by internationally renowned strategic management consultants, *The Right Mind*.

The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) provided funding for the Forum.

Sascha Bee from Normanton said that the Forum allowed her to see the leadership skills she had already had, while giving her a broader understanding of the role of governance.

"The Forum has given me confidence, self-esteem and awareness. It made me aware of the skills and talents that I already had, but didn't have a name for as well the different rules and frameworks involved in governance."

"I want to be a role model for my children and the Forum showed me that if you set your mind to something, you can achieve it. "

OZ Century General Manager John Lamb said that the Young Leaders Forum was recommended in the recent Ten-Year Review of our Gulf Communities Agreement (GCA) as a way that Century could further support local communities.

"Despite the tough economic climate, we remain committed to continuing to support local communities – one way that we can do this is to help develop the voices of tomorrow, the next generation of Gulf leaders.

"To assist, OZ Century provided accommodation and flights for participants as part of the package put to Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), who have funded the program. The young leaders will also participate in five follow-up mentoring sessions in late 2009 and early 2010 to help them on their leadership journey, " he said.

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OZ Century is the second largest zinc mine in the world, producing some 500, 000 tonnes of zinc in concentrate annually. The mine's 'social license to operate' is the unique Gulf Communities Agreement (GCA), an agreement between Century, the Queensland Government and the four Native Title Groups of Waanyi, Mingginda, Gkuthaarn and Kukatj. The agreement provides education, training and employment opportunities for the people of the lower-Gulf region, as well as cultural and environmental assurances.

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**High resolution photographs available**

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