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Rural workers do not get same opportunities: study

A RECENT study has shown 87 per cent of the nation believes rural Australians do not receive the same training and on-the-job opportunities as their city counterparts.

The report was commissioned by Upskilled and also revealed young people who leave their rural community don't plan to return to their home town after completing further education as they believe the opportunities aren't there or are better in a metropolitan area.

Summit Employment and Training is working to combat that issue and is currently offering a course that aims to provide students with links to the hospitality industry to help gain future employment.

The five-week course is being run in Leeton, with 15 participants of varying ages being equipped with the skills needed to be employed in the hospitality sector.

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Training training co-ordinator Christine Stead said students had been working hard.

"Some have been able to gain work experience through the course, which we then let them complete instead of attending the classes," she said.



SUMMIT Employment and Training co-ordinator Christine Stead (back left) takes participants in a hospitality course (back) Tim Bailey, Dave Cameron, (front) Elizabeth Schmetzer, Ellen Cummings and Kristy Evans through their paces.