

Deputy PM at opening of Desert People's Centre

A NEW centre for learning and teaching will be officially opened in Alice Springs on Friday by Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard.

The Desert People's Centre was first conceived in 2002 as a joint venture between the Batchelor Institute and the Centre for Appropriate Technology (CAT).

The Centre will be at the Desert Knowledge Precinct near CAT. Chairman Harold Furber said the idea behind the Centre was to train Aboriginal people and give them a voice.

He said the Centre would develop a 'livelihood pathway' for long term unemployed people to broker agreements and training structures with employers.

He said: "What we've found over many years is there isn't



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necessarily that pathway or support mechanism to follow people through employment."

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