Higher Education and Skills Group

**Participation Branch Memo**

**Department of Education and Training**

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**TO:**

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| All Learn Local providers | Adult Education Institutions | ACFE Board |
| ACFE Regional Councils | Learn Local stakeholders | Participation Branch Staff |

**FROM:** Eduard de Hue, A/Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 28 March 2017

**SUBJECT: Timelines for 2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards and 2017 Victorian Training Awards**

**ACTIONS:**

* Note the upcoming launch of nominations for both the 2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards and the 2017 Victorian Training Awards.
* Start to consider learners, practitioners and / or projects / programs that you would like to nominate for an award.

**2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards**

Nominations for the 2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards (VLLA) will open on Tuesday 18 April and close on Friday 9 June (eight week nomination period). The Awards presentation dinner will be held on Thursday 31 August in Melbourne.

The VLLA are proudly brought to you by the Adult, Community and Further Education Board and are one of the ways the Board recognises and rewards the outstanding achievements of providers, programs and individuals within the Learn Local education and training network.

This year there will be a total prize pool of $66,000 across seven award categories:

* *Individual categories – One winner $5,000, Two finalists $1,000 each (per category)*
  + Outstanding Pre-accredited Learner
  + Outstanding Practitioner
* *Program categories - - One winner $10,000, Two finalists $1,000 each (per category)*
  + Outstanding Pathways Program
  + Excellence in Creating Local Solutions
  + AMES Australia Diversity Innovation
* *Acknowledgement categories - Eight winners $1,000 each (per category)*
  + Learn Local Legend
  + NEW: Learn Local Volunteer Champion

Further information regarding the Award categories and the nomination and judging process will be provided in April at [www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards)

**2017 Victorian Training Awards**

Nominations for the 2017 Victorian Training Awards (VTA) will open in April.

In addition to the usual suite of VTA categories for both individuals and organisations, once again this year there will be a *Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year* Award. Nominations for this award are only open to Learn Local providers who are currently registered with the ACFE Board and who delivered pre-accredited training in 2016.

Further information regarding the VTA and the nomination and judging process will be available in April at [www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx)