



## **Update from the Adult, Community and Further Education Board**

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Dear Learn Local provider colleagues,

As we navigate through these challenging times, on behalf of the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board, I want to take this opportunity to check in and once again thank you for your ongoing commitment and work for learners and your communities.

The ACFE Board is hearing great stories from Learn Local providers – stories that speak to the resilience and innovation of our great sector. I am proud of how you have adapted to this unprecedented period and I appreciate the positivity you continue to display.

The ACFE Board is now looking at its next focus of work to assist providers in the current environment, and to think ahead about what we can take from this experience into future provision and innovation. We will do this in partnership with the sector. We know many of you are doing great work in delivery, course planning and resource development. We are working with the Department of Education and Training on the best way to capture these, the associated lessons and innovations.

We are also working with Regional Councils to hear what is happening in the regions, seek their advice and input, and consider how best to share solutions – with a focus on the recovery phase of the COVID-19 crisis.

Another key partnership will see the ACFE Board sponsor ACEVic to support learners and practitioners. Initially, ACEVic will offer four webinars to the sector, broadly covering digital skills and online approaches suitable for our learners. The intention is to discuss and showcase innovative delivery and good practice across the sector during these times.

This week, I have written to leaders in the sector to set up an expert advisory panel, with members drawn from across small and large providers, regional and metropolitan areas and a cross-section of leaders and practitioners. The panel will help inform the ACFE Board's work during the COVID-19 response and recovery periods.

The ACFE Board continues to meet weekly and remains committed to regularly communicating and engaging with our sector. Thank you for your feedback so far in direct response to these communications. I look forward to communicating with you again next week with further updates on our decisions and work.

Best wishes

Maria Peters

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