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| Higher Education and Skills Group**Participation Branch Memo****Department of Education and Training** |

***NUMBER:*** *2015 / 05 / 11*

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| All Learn Local organisations  | Adult Education Institutions | ACFE Regional Councils |
| Learn Local stakeholders  | LLENs*Chairs and Executive Officers* |  |

**FROM:** Verna Kearney, Acting Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 11/5/2015

**SUBJECT: UPDATE:** *Strengthening DET regional relationships and support consultation*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* ***UPDATE: Consultation Forum, 22 May 2015. Expressions of interest to attend must be submitted to*** regional.services@edumail.vic.gov.au ***by COB 14 May 2015.***
* *The consultation process will run between April and 29 May 2015*
* *The consultation paper can be found at* [*http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/regionalsupport.aspx*](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/regionalsupport.aspx) *and provides a frame of reference for this.*

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**UPDATE**

Further to the Participation Branch Memo of 28 April 2015, as part of the *Strengthening DET regional relationships and support consultation*, the Department will be holding a large forum on 22 May 2015 in central Melbourne, from 10.00am until 3.30pm. The purpose of the forum is to test the findings gathered to date. It will also provide an opportunity for those who have not yet participated in the consultation to contribute their views.

The Department is seeking expressions of interest to attend from across the education sector.

Those interested in attending the forum need to complete the information below and submit to regional.services@edumail.vic.gov.au by **COB 14 May 2015**.

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| Dietary requirements:   |

Please note that places at the forum are limited, and there is no guarantee that everyone who expresses interest will receive an invitation to attend. Invitations will be emailed to participants on 18 May 2015.

**REMINDER**

There are many other ways to be involved in the consultation and to have your say. You can visit [regionalservices.ning.com](http://regional.services.ning.com) and sign up to the public forum. You can also make a written submission using the submission template, which can be found at the aforementioned website or the [project website](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/department/Pages/regionalsupport.aspx), as can a template for responses to the questions posed throughout the consultation paper. Submissions and responses to questions can be emailed to regional.services@edumail.vic.gov.au.

**As previously advised two other targeted consultation sessions have been organised. There is still time to indicate your interest to attend.**

* LLEN EOs and Network Chairs, 22 May 2015, 2pm -3pm, Rydges, Exhibition Street, Melbourne.

**RSVP to** **valleau.analia.f@edumail.vic.gov.au** **for this consultation by COB Wednesday 20 May 2015.**

* ACFE Regional Councils, 28 May,10:30am - 11:30am, Department of Education and Training, 2 Treasury Pl, East Melbourne.

**RSVP to** **valleau.analia.f@edumail.vic.gov.au** **for this consultation by COB Tuesday 26 May 2015.**

**Please be reminded that the consultation process will run until the 29th of May 2015.**