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**FROM:** Ryan Collins, A/Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 11 April 2016

**SUBJECT: Call for nominations – 2016 Victorian Training Awards, including Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year Award**

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *Victorian Community Training Provider Award category only for Learn Local organisations - $10,000 prize money available*
* *Nominations close Friday 6 May, 2016.*
* *Nomination information available at* <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx>

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The ACFE Board is proud to again be sponsoring a Victorian Training Award category in 2016, specifically for organisations that were registered with the ACFE Board to deliver pre-accredited training during 2015.

Nominations are now open for the *Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year* award, which recognises and celebrates the exceptional work of Learn Local organisations in developing skills and confidence among those facing barriers to education.

This is a great opportunity to promote the sector and all Learn Local organisations that are breaking down barriers for students are encouraged to apply. The winning organisation will receive a $10,000 prize.

To nominate for the *Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year* award, visit <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/vta.aspx> to read the criteria and submit your nomination online.

Nominees are encouraged to read the guidelines carefully and allow plenty of time to complete their entries. Nominations for the *Victorian Community Training Provider of the Year* award close on Friday 6 May.

The Victorian Training Awards will be presented at a gala ceremony in Melbourne on Friday 26 August 2016.

Don’t forget:

* Learn Local organisations can still nominate for other general Victorian Training Award organisational categories and encourage students to nominate for the individual awards.
* Nominations for the ACFE Board’s 2016 Victorian Learn Local Awards will open on Monday 11 April and close on Friday 3 June - prize money is available of up to $10,000 for winners and $1,000 for every finalist. See: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards>