# Department of Education and Training

# Higher Education and Skills Group

# Participation Branch Memo: *2018 / February / 26*

**TO: Learn Local organisations - *ALL or RTOs only***

 **ACFE Board**

 **ACFE Regional Councils**

 **Adult Education Institutions**

 **Learn Local Stakeholders**

 **Participation Branch Staff**

**FROM:** Nick Orchard, ActingDirector - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 26 February 2018

**SUBJECT: Asylum Seeker Vocational Education and Training (VET) State Conference**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

* *Save the date of Tuesday May 29th 2018 for Asylum Seeker Vocational Education and Training (VET) State Conference to be held at Darebin Arts and Entertainment Centre, Corner Bell St & St Georges Rd, Preston, 9.00am -4.30pm*
* *Conference Registration will open in early April via Eventbrite*

The Asylum Seeker Vocational Education and Training (VET) State Conference is a joint initiative of the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre and the Victorian Department of Education and Training.

Guest Speakers will be The Hon. Gayle Tierney MLC – Minister for Training and Skills and Minister for Corrections and Mr Kon Karapanagiotidis - ASRC CEO.

The State Conference, *Celebrate the Journey: Surviving to Thriving Through Vocational Education and Training,* is a culmination activity of the Asylum seeker VET program that has run over the past two years.

The Asylum seeker VET program comprises asylum seeker participation in Skills First VET courses, with referral and RTO support provided by the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, and asylum seeker participation in basic Language and Literacy and VET Learning Plan Programs run by Learn Locals.

The State Conference will have Keynote speakers who will share their journey from surviving to thriving through VET and beyond, and panel presentations and workshops to enable participants to share the lessons learned along this significant journey and celebrate the many achievements.

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