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

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| Learn Local organisations  *– ALL* | ACFE Board | ACFE Regional Councils |
| Adult Education Institutions | Learn Local Stakeholders | Participation Branch Staff |

**FROM:** Ryan Collins, Director - Participation Branch

**DATE:** 8 August 2017

**SUBJECT:** *Professional Development opportunities available for Learn Local organisations at the VET Development Centre*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:** [**Register**](http://www.cvent.com/events/learn-local-organisations-access-choice-equity-workshop/event-summary-f4a36c1946bd4203a47c1c117a30795a.aspx) **now for the following workshops:**

**Learn Local Organisations Access, Choice & Equity Workshops**

* *Workshop 1: Outreach and Engagement, Thursday 24 August 2017*
* *Workshop 2: Learner Support and Wellbeing, Tuesday 26 September 2017*
* *Workshop 3: Teaching and Learning, Thursday 12 October 2017*
* *Workshop 4: Pathways, Thursday 23 November 2017*

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**Professional Development for Learn Local Organisations**

1. The Department of Education and Training supports professional development initiatives for vocational training practitioners as part of its commitment to quality training outcomes for the Victorian vocational training system.
2. Through the VET Development Centre (VDC), the Department aims to improve the capability and capacity of the pre-accredited VET sector by making a range of professional learning opportunities available to Learn Local Organisations (LLOs).
3. Extensive consultations carried out across the State with LLOs in 2015 in relation to the Pre-accredited Training Project indicated that there were four key components of delivering pre-accredited training as outreach / engagement, learner support and wellbeing, teaching and learning and pathways.
4. The Department has taken this feedback in to consideration and facilitated the VDC to develop a series of four one-day workshops that will enable LLOs to focus on outreach and engagement, learner support and wellbeing, teaching and learning and pathways for disadvantaged learners.
5. The professional learning opportunities reflect the goal of the Pre-accredited Quality Framework, which is to ensure that quality and continuous improvement are embedded throughout all aspects of pre-accredited planning, program design and delivery, and learner pathways.

**Access, Choice & Equity Workshops for Learn Local Organisations**

1. The participants are encouraged to attend **all four workshops** or alternatively individual workshops, accordingly to their requirements. The four workshops are as follows:

* ***Workshop 1 –* Outreach and engagement** will include strategies on developing and implementing effective learner and community engagement.
* ***Workshop 2 –* Learner support and wellbeing** will include ways of supporting learners who suffer from trauma and social challenges so they can continue to participate in education and training.
* ***Workshop 3 –* Teaching and learning** for inclusive practices and a learner centred approach. In addition, aspects of how to design pre-accredited programs and co-design pre-accredited training programs with industry and welfare agencies.
* ***Workshop 4 –* Pathways** will focus on developing effective pathways and transition plans for learners through partnerships with TAFEs, other training providers, Industry, and community organisations.

**Who can attend the workshops?**

1. The audience is pre-accredited training managers, coordinators, and team leaders from LLOs registered with the ACFE Board. *Please note there is a limit of two (2) participants per eligible LLO.*

**How to sign up?**

1. Please click the link here to[**REGISTER**](http://www.cvent.com/events/learn-local-organisations-access-choice-equity-workshop/event-summary-f4a36c1946bd4203a47c1c117a30795a.aspx) or refer to the attached flyer for additional detail.
2. Please contact Maria Romanin at VDC if you need addition support:

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