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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 or RTOs only* | ACFE Board | ACFE Regional Councils |
| Adult Education Institutions | Learn Local Stakeholders | Participation Branch Staff |

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

**DATE:** 16 / 01 / 2018

**SUBJECT:** *Nominations for the 2018 Victorian Training Awards Now Open*

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *Nominations are now open for the 2018 Victorian Training Awards*
* *Nominate your organisation for the Community Training Provider of the Year Award.*
* *A nomination writer is on hand to assist with finalising your nomination to an award winning standard*
* *Submit your nominations by* ***midnight 2 April 2018***, at [www.education.vic.gov.au/vta](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/vta)

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Now in their 64th Year, the Victorian Training Awards celebrate excellence in vocational education and training, recognise the achievements of VET students, and the teachers, training providers and businesses that train them, and promote high quality training and workplace skill development that meets industry needs.

Winners and finalists gain state-wide recognition from the VET sector, industry experts, peers and the Victorian community, and become Victorian ambassadors for the training sector.

For Learn Local organisations, the Awards are an opportunity to raise your profile in the community and cultivate industry partnerships.

Congratulations to 2017 Winner of the Community Training Provider of Year, Wingate Avenue Community Centre, Ascot Vale.

Nominating is easy! Again, we have a nomination writer on hand that can assist you in finalising your nomination to an award winning standard. The service is free as we want to ensure you have every opportunity to participate.

For more information, nomination details, and resources for promoting the Awards, visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/vta](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/vta)