Department of Education and Training

Higher Education and Skills Group

Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement — Branch Memo

**TO:** ACFE Board

ACFE Regional Councils

Adult education institutions

PIRE Branch staff

RegisteredLearn Local providers — ALL

**FROM:** Joanne Favretto, A/ Director — Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 25 / July / 2019

**SUBJECT: Frontline pre-accredited staff are invited to attend professional development in Motivational Interactions (MI).**

Actions

* Complete all details as in the online registration form and select the date/location of your preferred training session.

**About motivational interactions training**

Motivational Interactions (MI) training will provide participants with skills in an evidence-based practice that can address motivational issues for educationally disadvantaged learners and clients who seek support from their training organisation or service. This training will be delivered by AP Psychology and Consulting Services (https://psychology-consulting.com/), which delivers wellbeing workplace solutions that are underpinned by best practice principles.

Additional details of the MI program can be found [here](https://psychology-consulting.com/motivational-interactions-2/)

This training is offered to frontline staff across four key Department of Education and Training (DET) and Adult, Community Further Education (ACFE) Board funded programs: Free TAFE; Reconnect; Skills and Jobs Centres; and pre-accredited training practitioners.

Skills learnt can be applied to assist learners and clients to improve their personal motivation so they remain engaged and connected to their education and training journey.

The benefits to your staff and your organisation in participating in this training are:

* Connecting with educationally disadvantaged and vulnerable learners to understand their circumstances, needs and motivations.
* Determining the best services available for each individual and providing the support in next steps they should undertake in their training and employment pathway.
* Motivating each individual learner to take these next steps.
* Converting a higher rate of enquiries into successful study enrolments, job placements or referrals.

A further benefit of participating in this training is the opportunity to network and connect across local education and employment systems through participation of staff from Free TAFE, Skills and Jobs Centres and the Reconnect programs.

The MI training includes a two day workshop plus a two hour follow up group coaching session (one month later). The below timetable provides information on the dates and locations of the training offered across Victoria.

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| Motivational Interactions Training Timetable | | |
| Location | Two day workshops  9am – 4pm | Follow up coaching session |
| Banksia Gardens Community Services | 19 – 20 August | 23 September 9:00am –11:00am |
| VET Development Centre  Melbourne CBD | 28 – 29 August | 23 September 11:30am –1:30pm |
| DET Regional Office Geelong | 11 – 12 September | 15 October 9:00am –11:00am |
| Skills and Jobs Centre, Ballarat | 17 – 18 September | 15 October 2:00pm –4:00pm |
| Skills and Jobs Centre, Wangaratta | 24 – 25 September | 31 October 9:00am –11:00am |
| Skills and Jobs Centre, Bendigo | 8 – 9 October | 31 October 2:30pm –4:00pm |
| Centre for Adult Education,  Melbourne CBD | 14 – 15 October | 11 November 9:00am –11:00am |
| Skills and Jobs Centre, Morwell | 29 – 30 October | 28 November. 9:00am – 1:00am |

**How to register your interest**

To participate in this training, please register using this [link](https://appsychology.wufoo.com/forms/zxkon9f0hvxs3r/). By clicking on the link, you will be directed to an online enrolment page. Please complete all details and select your preferred session. Soon after registration, you will receive an email confirming your enrolment which will include a calendar invitation, venue details, map and any pre-reading information that is required.

If you have any further enquiries relating to the training, please email [admin@psychology-consulting.com](mailto:admin@psychology-consulting.com).