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Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch Memo

**TO:** Learn Local providers, ACFE Board, Regional Councils of ACFE, adult education institutions, sector representative organisations, key stakeholders, PIRE Branch staff

**FROM:** Ryan Collins, Director — Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 11/02/2020

**SUBJECT: Adult, Community and Further Education Board Strategy 2020–25 launched**

Actions

* Note that the Adult, Community and Further Education Board (ACFEB) Strategy 2020–25 was launched on Tuesday, 11 February and is available for download from [ACFE Publications and Research](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/research/pages/ace.aspx)

ACFEB Strategy 2020–25

The ACFEB Strategy 2020–25 is a blueprint for the Board and for the Learn Local sector for the six years from 2020 to 2025 and is the vehicle for realising the *Ministerial Statement on the Future of Adult Community Education in Victoria 2020–25* under the stewardship of the ACFEB.

Strategy Focus

The strategy focuses on adult Victorians seeking to develop the core skills they need for study, work and life, and places the learner as central. It acknowledges the sector’s strengths in engagement and participation of adult learners, and identifies a greater role in the three additional areas of:

* Supporting learners successfully complete accredited training.
* Building learners’ confidence and skills for participation in work.
* Upskilling and reskilling workers who may be vulnerable as workplace requirements change.

Many providers are already playing this role, and the strategy positions the sector to be recognised for this.

People are fundamental to the Board’s delivery of the strategy:

* Engaging **learners** and developing their confidence and skills.
* Building greater collaboration between the Learn Local sector and **partners**, especially employers and with TAFEs.
* Investing in **people** across the sector, and in high-quality products and tools to support them.
* Maintaining high standards of **Board** stewardship and governance, and championing and communicating the sector’s value and impact.

Consultation

In developing the strategy, the Board placed great importance on extensive consultation with adult learners, the Learn Local sector, and other stakeholders. More than 190 people from 160 organisations contributed their voice and views to make the strategy a robust reflection of the challenges and opportunities.

Strategy release

Following its launch on Tuesday 11 February, hard copies of the strategy will be distributed to Learn Local providers and other stakeholders. The strategy is also available to download via the above link.

If you require a hard copy please email acfe@edumail.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 7022 0106.