# Department of Education and Training

# Higher Education and Skills Group

# Participation, Inclusion & Regional Engagement Branch Memo

**TO: Learn Local organisations - *ALL***

**ACFE Board**

**ACFE Regional Councils**

**PIRE Branch Staff**

**FROM: Ryan Collins**, Director

Participation, Inclusion & Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 26/05/2020

**SUBJECT: 2020 Learn Local Awards – updated dates**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

* View the updated dates for the 2020 Learn Local Awards
* Nominate for the 2020 Learn Local Awards
* Download the Nomination Guide

2020 Learn Local Awards updated dates

Due to the uncertain impact the COVID-19 related restrictions may have on the 2020 Learn Local Awards Gala Ceremony, the Adult, Community and Further Education Board has rescheduled the Gala Ceremony to **Friday 6 November**.

This date change also provides an opportunity to extend the nomination timeline for the Learn Local Awards.

Nominations will now close at **midnight on Friday 7 August** – in 10 weeks’ time.

Writing assistance available

Don’t forget that we are offering writing assistance to all nominees to ensure your application is of the highest possible quality. The writer will review your application and provide feedback via return email to you.

In 2019, 33% of finalists availed of writing assistance. This could be you in 2020!

To avail of this service send your draft content for review (in Word format .docx) to [learnlocal@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:learnlocal@edumail.vic.gov.au)

**Please note that requests for writing assistance close 2 weeks prior to the nomination close date – make sure to send your draft content before Friday 24 July.**

For the full updated nomination timeline, check out the key dates on our [website](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/learn-local-nominations.aspx).

## Nominate now for the 2020 Learn Local Awards

To nominate, go to the nomination portal: [www.lla.awardsplatform.com](http://www.lla.awardsplatform.com)

Nomination Guide

To download the Nomination Guide, click [here](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/learn-local-nominations.aspx)

Award categories

This year there are seven general awards and People’s Choice Awards, with a total prize pool of $70,000.

**Learner categories**

1. The Ro Allen Award – Recognising Pre-accredited Learner Excellence
2. Victorian Learn Local Young Pre-accredited Learner Award

*Each Learner category winner receives $5,000 and finalists receive $1,000 in prize money (two finalists per category).*

**Practitioner and Volunteer categories**

1. Victorian Learn Local Practitioner Award
2. Victorian Learn Local Volunteer Team Award

*Each Practitioner and Volunteer Team category winner receives $5,000 and finalists receive $1,000 in prize money (two finalists per category).*

**Program categories**

1. Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Pathway Program
2. Victorian Learn Local Creating Local Solutions Award
3. Victorian Learn Local Collaboration Award

*Each program category winner receives $10,000 and finalists receive $1,000 in prize money (two finalists per category).*

The winner of the Victorian Learn Local Collaboration Award receives $10,000 (to be shared by both parties) and finalists receive $1,000 (to be shared by both parties).

**NEW in 2020: People’s Choice Awards**

People’s Choice Awards are open to finalists from **Program categories only** and are decided in the lead up to the prizewinning ceremony by online public voting.

*Winners of the People’s Choice Award will receive an Apple MacBook laptop valued at over $2,000.*

Further information on all categories, including eligibility requirements and selection criteria, is available on the Learn Local Awards website: [www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards)

Contact

If you have any questions about the Awards, including the nomination process or categories, please contact the Learn Local Awards team at [learnlocal@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:learnlocal@edumail.vic.gov.au)