Department of Education and Training

Higher Education and Skills

**Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch Memo**

**TO:** Learn Local providers, ACFE Board, ACFE Regional Councils, adult education institutions, peak bodies, sector stakeholders, PIRE Branch staff

**FROM:** Eduard De Hue, A/Director — Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 18 / 11 / 2020

**SUBJECT: Update on 2020 Learn Local Awards Virtual Gala Series**

**Actions**

* View the 2020 Award finalists on the Departments website at [2020 Learn Local Awards Finalists](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/2020-Learn-Local-Awards-Finalists.aspx)
* Vote for your favourite People’s Choice Award finalist by [clicking on this survey link](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YTTYX2R)
* Mark Monday 30th November in your diary as the start of the 2020 Learn Local Awards Virtual Gala Series. An invitation with all the details will be sent to you all soon.

**2020 Finalists**

On 26 October 2020, the Hon. Gayle Tierney, Minister for Training and Skills and Minister for Higher Education, announced the finalists for the 2020 Learn Local Awards.

Congratulations to all of this year’s finalists. Thank you also to everyone who nominated and the judges who participated in the shortlisting process. Once again, a large number of high-quality nominations was received.

You can view the Award finalists on the Departments website, see: [2020 Learn Local Awards Finalists](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/awards/Pages/2020-Learn-Local-Awards-Finalists.aspx)

**People’s Choice Awards – Voting open**

This year, we are giving members of the public the opportunity to vote for their favourite finalist in the following award categories:

* Victorian Learn Local Pre-accredited Pathway Program Award
* Victorian Learn Local Creating Local Solutions Award
* Victorian Learn Local Collaboration Award

Winners of the People’s Choice Awards will each receive an Apple Macbook Laptop. Get behind your favourite finalist and vote by [clicking on this survey link.](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YTTYX2R)

**Virtual Gala Series**

The 2020 Learn Local Awards Virtual Gala Series will start on Monday 30th November. As part of the virtual format, a series of pre-recorded videos highlighting each of the finalists and their stories will be shared on the Learn Local and Victorian Government social media channels over two weeks. Each video will also include the winner’s announcement. While there won’t be a physical gala ceremony or any sort of live online event, Learn Local providers and stakeholders may like to still celebrate with colleagues and family as you watch the award videos.

The ACFE Board looks forward to the opportunity to share with you the immense efforts of Victoria’s adult community education learners, practitioners, volunteers and providers.

An invitation will be sent to all Learn Local providers and key stakeholders this week outlining the relevant dates of the video releases and how you can join the celebration.

**Contact**

If you have any questions about the 2020 Learn Local Awards, please contact the Learn Local Awards team via [learnlocal@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:learnlocal@education.vic.gov.au)