

FOR THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE LEARN LOCAL SECTOR, PROVIDING QUALITY TRAINING FOR ADULTS IN EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

Message from the Minister...

During a visit to the Banksia Gardens Community Centre in March, I had the pleasure of announcing the recipients of the third round of the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Capacity and Innovations grants, with Banksia being one of the recipients. Banksia will use their funding to work collaboratively with Hume City Council and Broadmeadows businesses to match training to local business needs.

I would like to offer my congratulations to all those organisations who have been awarded the grants, as they showcase the impressive breadth of Learn Local projects going on across Victoria. These projects are of great benefit to learners, Learn Local organisations and most importantly, the communities which they serve.



Peter Hall with Christine Fyffe, Member for Evelyn (far left), presenting a round 3 Capacity & Innovation Fund project certificate to an ecstatic Jan Simmonds from Morrissons.

The third round of Capacity and Innovation grants will provide a total \$2.3 million boost to the sector, highlighting our commitment to building Learn Local business capacity, supporting innovative teaching and learning practice and to providing industry-focused training opportunities with a double benefit: helping increase the training base of the community and providing local businesses with work-ready employees.

I look forward with great interest to seeing all of the promising Round 3 projects rolled out during the year.

– Peter Hall, Minister for Higher Education and Skills

Second series underway - apply now!

Following the success of the first series of TV show "A House around the Corner" applications are now open for Learn Local organisations to star in Series 2! This is a wonderful opportunity to get your organisation into the media and to celebrate the stories and successes of your learners, staff and communities.



The show, funded by ACFE, highlights the stories and successes of the Learn Local sector. The videos are streamed online after they air and segments can also be made available to organisations to use for their own promotional purposes. The second series will be screened on Channel 31 from September to November 2012.

So how do you get involved? Fill out the application attached to [General Memo 2012/05](#) before 20 April. Stories will be considered in the order they are received so be quick to put in your application!



Click the calendar for diary dates

- Professional development
- ACFE Agreement important dates

Get more from

facebook 

1. Build your 'LIKES' - get every employee in your organisation to share the page with their friends.
2. Post pictures often. Images are the MOST looked at pieces of info on Facebook.
3. Make sure all your business details are filled out comprehensively so people can contact you.
4. Update the 'description' field to mention your training and other services.
5. Add a link from your website to Facebook, and vice versa.

five easy ways

NAB 'Schools First' School-Community partnership applications now open

This opportunity is for Learn Local organisations to foster and enhance partnerships with schools. The 2012 NAB Schools First Awards have **\$3 million** available to 130 outstanding school-community partnerships.



The awards program is divided into three parts. The *Impact Awards* recognise established school-community partnerships. The *Seed Funding Awards* helps new and developing partnership. The third category awards partnership ideas initiated by students - *The Student Awards*.

The best starting point is to look at the [website](#) for further information. Stuck for an idea? The website has literally hundreds of [examples](#) of ways in which community organisations have partnered with schools.

The application will need to be lodged by your partner school and there is plenty of time to get talking – you have until 29 June to lodge the application.

Hold the date!
AN E-LEARNING SHOWCASE FOR LEARN LOCAL PROVIDERS 2012

e-learning - why?

View the E-Learning wiki for more details about Keynote speakers & presenters
<http://eshowcase12.acfe.vic.edu.au>

Date: 22 June 2012 Start 9.30am - 4.30pm (Registration 9.00am)
Venue: William Angliss TAFE Conference Centre
LaTrobe Street Melbourne

e-Learning skills help ACFE staff improve service to the sector

When the ACFE Board needed to roll out the training for its pilot project International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL), the Gippsland team offered to use virtual conferencing (*Blackboard Collaborate*) to benefit organisations from around the state that were unable to travel to the nearest training. And for those who could neither travel nor participate in real-time, the session was recorded and distributed via a link, which could be viewed at any time.

People from as far as Robinvale in the north-west, Wonthaggi in the south and Swifts Creek in the east of Victoria could virtually sit together and access the required training.

Special thanks to [e-mentor Junita Lyon](#) for her support to the ACFE Gippsland team.



psssst.....here's the DIRECT LINE to Learn Local.
Click on the hotline to email us with your stories, give feedback or share ideas.

RECENT MEMOS – click 'em

[2012 / 08 Pre-accredited quality framework – advice and arrangements for moderation workshops \(Word 226.0 KB\)](#)

[2012 / 07 Taking the Next Steps for Disengaged Learners: Policy levers for increasing the skills of low-skilled Victorians project \(Word 273.5 KB\)](#)

[2012 / 06 Skills Victoria changes its name to Higher Education and Skills Group \(HESG\)](#)

[2012 / 05 A House Around The Corner series 2](#)

[2012 / 02 ACE Business Capacity Program 2012: additional non-RTOs workshop \(Word 299.5 KB\)](#)



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We LIKE what you're doing!

See how [Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House](#) is using Facebook to promote the International Computer Driver's Licence.



Free

e-Learning Showcase 2012 register NOW!

This one-day showcase on e-learning is definitely not to be missed! Stemming from the e-Mentor project funded by ACFE, Learn Local organisations have the chance to expand their understanding of e-learning, no matter what your current level of expertise is. There really is something for everyone. Take a moment to look at the [program...](#)

Program includes

- Social media in teaching and learning
- iPad in Education project
- Creating communities online and future trends in e-learning
- Updates on current e-learning projects funded by the Capacity & Innovation Fund
- And much, much more...

Registration is a simple online process and can be done in 2 minutes: [Register now](#)

- ▶ **COST** – free
- ▶ **WHEN** – 22 June 2012
- ▶ **WHERE** – William Angliss TAFE Conference Centre, Melbourne
- ▶ **TIME** – 9.00 until 4.30



RTO Reminder - San No. 2012 – 08
Publication of most recent AQTF Quality Indicators for
the 2011 calendar year. Due 31 July 2012

Southern Metro INFORMATION

"You are never too old to set another goal or
to dream a new dream." ~ C. S. Lewis

SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL CALENDAR

31 March 12	Commonwealth Equipment Acquittals
3 April 12	Term 1 Enrolment Activity reports due
6 June 12	Learn Local Term 2 Forum
3 July 12	Term 2 Enrolment Activity reports due
5 September 12	Learn Local Term 3 Forum
25 September 12	Term 3 Enrolment Activity reports due
14 November 12	Learn Local Term 4 Forum
4 December 12	End of Year Enrolment Activity Reports due
15 January 13	SVTS closes

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CLP PROJECT FOR THE SOUTHERN REGION

Another successful Community Learning Partnership Project recently completed by Springvale Learning and Activities Centre (SLAC)! The project was designed to address the issue of limited participation of CALD learners in VET.

Over 30 participants representing Somali, Turkish, Eritrean and Vietnamese communities took part in consultations, focus groups and specially designed training program. By implementing a range of traditional and innovative engagement approaches, SLAC found out the main local barrier to participation for CALD communities.

This factor is as much complex as it is simple, trust and relationships. "I am really happy that I got involved with SLAC and the project. It was not an easy decision and life is very busy. I cannot thank Mila enough for all the conversations we have had and experiences we shared. I am now about to complete my Diploma, but back in 2010 I thought I would never make it", - said Sahra Jama – a mother of 13 and active project participant. She is also now running her own Family Day Care business.

"It is all about people and relationships. It can be hard work at times, but always pays off. The project was a unique opportunity to build the relationships with communities and make a lot of positive difference in lives of people and groups involved", - Mila Waise, Project Manager.

Detailed project report can be found on SLAC website:
http://www.springvalelac.org.au/media/1431/clp_project_report_2010-11.pdf

DID YOU KNOW?

You may or may not be aware that with current copyright legislation you can't show DVD's/movies to groups anymore including children in afterschool/vacation care programs. If you do it's a \$10,000.00 fine if caught.

The link below is where you can purchase a licence to do just that. Cost is \$200.00 per year and includes 8 major distributors including Disney, Roadshow, Village and Pixar.



<http://www.movieschangepeople.com/bigstudio/about.php>



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