

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

Message from the Minister...

Last month I had the privilege of speaking at two significant ACFE events. The first was the Responding to CALD Learners Showcase and the release of the publication *Responding to CALD Learners: Cultural Diversity in Action*.



Peter Hall speaking at the CALD Learners showcase

The second was the annual e-Learning Showcase, this year attended by over 150 participants. Both events highlight the significant work the sector does in reaching out to new learners, be that face-to-face or electronically. Congratulations to everyone involved!

– Peter Hall, Minister for Higher Education and Skills

Help us build a pre-accredited quality framework

Over the last couple of months, A-frame moderation training has been delivered to nearly 300 Learn Local practitioners around Victoria. Central to the development of a moderation process is your constructive feedback. The documents provided in the workshops were deliberately presented in a draft format to allow for continuous improvements with your input. People who have done the moderation training will be emailed in the next few weeks asking for their suggestions and comments.



So, now that you've started, how do you keep going with moderation?

A new wiki has all the documents and links you need. Click on the 'moderation' page to find downloadable documents, recording links to a training session, and the Powerpoint presentation if you want to train other staff in your organisation. <http://pqf.acfe.vic.edu.au/>.

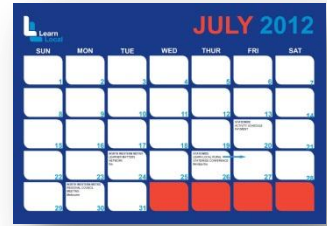
e-Learning...up, up and away!!!!

Last month, the hugely successful e-Learning Showcase was attended by over 150 people from many organisations within the Learn Local sector. Minister for Higher Education and Skills, Peter Hall officially opened the day and included a friendly quip about discovering that he was a 'digital immigrant' himself when faced with terms such as Moodle, Doodle, Dropbox and Skype. It highlights just how important it is to develop and maintain skills in digital literacy for employment and education.



The happy winner of the iPad competition was Heather McCall.

Have you heard the news? The *ACFE e-Mentor Project* has been extended until June 2013. This is an exclusive opportunity for Learn Local organisations to hook up with an e-Mentor and become digitally savvy! For details on how you can participate, follow this link to [General Memo 2012/19](#).



- Click the calendar for diary dates
- ACFE Agreement important dates
 - PD opportunities
 - And more!

GOLD MEDAL PERFORMERS

As the London Olympics approach, we take a minute to celebrate our own gold medallists of the 2011 Learn Local Awards...

Diamond Valley Learning Centre, Jessica McKenzie
Outstanding Learner

Meadow Heights Learning Shop, Amy Baillie
Outstanding practitioner

Wyndham Community and Education Centre
Outstanding Organisation

Wimmera HUB
Outstanding Koorie Achievement

Moe Life Skills
Outstanding pre-accredited program

Upper Yarra Community House
Innovation in Learning

2012 winners will be announced on
7 September during
Adult Learners' Week

1 – 8 September
Adult Learners' Week

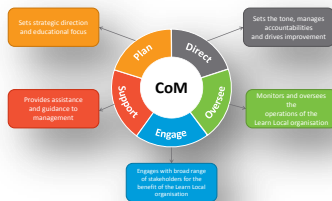
Message from the ACFE Board

There is much to celebrate in ACFE at the moment! Adult Learners' Week is coming up on 1-8 September and this coincides with our own Learn Local Awards announcements. It is really important to join in the fun of recognising achievements and progress. Spread the word about Adult Learners' Week and use their [website](#) for posters, templates and ideas.



Above L-R: Rowena Allen ACFE Board, Sian Lewis ACFE Executive Director and Tanya Smith NOUS Group Principal displaying the hardcopy version of *Improving Governance in the Learn Local Sector*. Graphic from the manual shown below.

As promised, the brand new *Improving Governance in the Learn Local Sector* manual has been launched, delivering another opportunity for organisational skill development in the Learn Local sector. I was thrilled to present a resource that can be used by every Learn Local organisation, and tailored to assist their professional development at the Committee or Board of Management level. Read more in [Capacity Initiative memo 2012 / 03](#)



– Rowena Allen, Chair, Adult, Community & Further Education Board

LEARN LOCAL METRO EXPO 2012

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18TH & FRIDAY OCTOBER 19TH
AT THE JASPER HOTEL ELIZABETH ST MELBOURNE
**EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES
WHAT, WHERE & HOW?**

**THIS IS A CONFERENCE NOT TO BE MISSED
A HIGH ENERGY, AFFORDABLE OPPORTUNITY**
TO IDENTIFY NEW FUNDING SOURCES, NETWORKS, PARTNERS, AND BUILD YOUR ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY
A FULL PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION KIT WILL BE AVAILABLE MID-AUGUST, BUT

KEEP THE DATE NOW
AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE JASPER'S SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION DEALS
CALL 03 8327 2777 AND QUOTE RESERVATION CODE CONR2
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Meet us online at



Counting down to the Inaugural Learn Local Regional & Rural Conference!

CLICK TO REGISTER NOW!

The first ever Learn Local Regional & Rural Conference happens this month! On 26 -27 July, International keynote speaker Dr Ernesto Siroli will be leading a suite of accomplished presenters on topics that include:

- Making adult learning work in regional and rural settings
- Innovative partnerships – models that work!
- Neuro Leadership in the Workplace – how to do business smarter!
- Selling and Designing Educational programs for Business
- Facing the Future! Engaging Generation Touch with mobile devices
- And more...!

Already, people from all across Victoria have registered for this dynamic conference. Can't get to Bendigo? Attend on-line using the virtual conferencing facility. [See website](#) for details and costs. Be quick! Don't miss out.

26-27 July, All Seasons Quality Resort, Bendigo



What is adult learning really all about?
Check out this international clip...

1 – 8 September
Adult Learners' Week

RECENT MEMOS – click 'em

(General Memo) [2012 / 22 Online guide for SRP arrangements for re-engagement programs \(including Community VCAL and school-ACE partnership programs\)](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 21 Media training for Learn Local organisations](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 20 ACFE Equipment Grant 2012](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 19 2012/2013 - ACFE Vic Government e-mentor Project: Invitation to participate](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 18 Responding to CALD Learners: Cultural Diversity in Action](#)

(Capacity Initiative memo) [2012 / 03 Governance and Business Mentoring for Learn Local organisations: Opportunities to Access Free Training and Mentoring](#)



Southern Metro INFORMATION

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~Chinese Proverb

Learner Success Story: meet Mei Mei

Mei Mei, a Chinese business woman, arrived in Australia with her Australian husband, with a smattering of English she had picked up in China.



She came to Peninsula Adult Education and Literacy's Migrant English class within weeks of arriving, and received help from a 1-1 volunteer tutor. Peninsula Adult Education and Literacy is a member of the Learn Local Mornington Peninsula Network.

'Mei Mei worked hard to gain oral language skills by practicing with students, staff and her Australian family,' As her English skills developed, she joined higher level language and literacy classes and completed the Certificate in General Education for Adults within 2 years of arriving – a remarkable achievement.

Mei Mei said, 'I received so much encouragement from my teachers and staff, I felt a very warm welcome to Australia and wanted to do well to show how grateful I was.' Mei Mei went on to complete her Certificate 4 in Childcare at another member of Learn Local Mornington Peninsula Network and has gained employment at a local childcare organisation. She has become an Australian citizen in every sense of the word by engaging in community activities and looking after Aussie kids and then becoming a new mother herself almost a year ago.

Learner Satisfaction Survey 2012

Have You Started Your Learner Satisfaction Surveys YET!!

Support is now also available through our new online forum at <http://bpc.bishopphillips.com/forum/>



Everyone Connected Grants Program

To celebrate its 10th anniversary, the Telstra Foundation is donating \$1 million to help Australian children and young people make the most of modern communication technologies.

One hundred \$10,000 Everyone Connected grants are available to local community organisations to support activities that help enhance digital inclusion - connecting disadvantaged children and young people to the internet, building their online skills and promoting cyber safety.
[Click here for more info.](#)

REGIONAL CALENDAR

20 July 12	Youth Mental Health First Aid PD
25 July 12	Assessment Validation Moderation
1 August 12	Youth Network Forum
3 August 12	Youth Mental Health First Aid
8 August 12	Regional Council Meeting
31 August 12	Youth Education Strategy PD
5 September 12	Learn Local Term 3 Forum
25 September 12	Term 3 Enrolment Activity reports due
18 & 19 October 12	Metro Region ACFE Conference
7 November	Regional Council Meeting
14 November 12	Learn Local Term 4 Forum
4 December 12	Enrolment Activity Reports due
30 December 12	Learner Satisfaction Surveys due
15 January 13	SVTS closes