

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

Minister announces Learn Local Award finalists

A few days ago, The hon. Peter Hall, MLC announced the finalists of the 2012 Victorian Learn Local Awards. Nominations came from all parts of Victoria for the six categories, recognising the outstanding efforts of learners, practitioners and training providers in the Learn Local sector. "We know these educational opportunities are helping to change the lives of many people who may not have had the opportunity to pursue other educational options" said Mr Hall.



Minister Hall congratulates the winners of the 2011 Learn Local Awards. The 2012 Awards ceremony is set for 7 September during Adult Learners' Week.

Mr Hall will attend the awards ceremony on 7 September, during Adult Learners' Week. Winners will share in a prize pool of \$45,000. The Victorian Learn Local Awards are held annually to celebrate the success of our sector. [Click here](#) to read more.

Wow - what a conference!

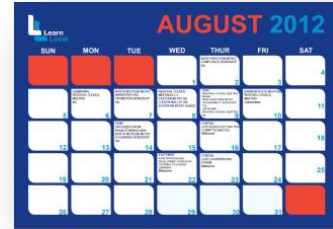
If you went to Bendigo during July we really hope that you were at the Inaugural Regional & Rural Learn Local Conference. For two days, delegates were challenged to "Think Differently, Connect Differently" when it comes to working with adult learners and communities.

Keynote speakers Dr Ernesto Sirolli of the Sirolli Institute, USA (pictured right) and Mr Bill Williams of Asia Pacific Management Group both spoke frankly and constructively about the client-centred focus that is necessary for great outcomes. Each of them went on to facilitate workshops where they could explore more deeply their particular topic with flair and individuality.



A feature of this conference was the interactive application of how eLearning is being used to reduce barriers to training. In a Learn Local first, some sessions were available to delegates from across Victoria who connected via the internet. They were able to view the presentation and ask questions just like those who were in the room in Bendigo.

The upcoming Learn Local Metro Conference (18 and 19 October) is sure to be just as engaging. Contact Leanne Fitzgerald, Conference Planner Leanne@coonarahouse.org.au for more details.



Click the calendar to see

- ACFE Agreement important dates
- PD opportunities

Get the most out of Adult Learners' Week (1-8 Sept)

This year's ALW theme is *Digital literacy: Connecting and learning through technology*. C'mon Learn Locals... this is OUR week to shine! Here are five easy things you can do to add to the fun of Adult Learners' Week...

1. Decorate your centre and website with logos, posters, templates and other useful things here: <http://adultlearnersweek.org/resources/>
2. Put a great story and photo in your local paper with your contact number and website.
3. 'Like' ALW and Learn Local on [Facebook](#) and join their conversation
4. Got an ALW event? register it here on their website <http://adultlearnersweek.org/events-calendar/>
5. Ask your learners and staff about their own learning story. Each one is an amazing journey!



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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
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Get the jump on 2013 delivery

As you begin planning for delivery in 2013, remember to use your Learn Local planning data pack available right now on the [ACFE website](#).



Each region has its own comprehensive report to support Learn Local organisations in their planning and assist them to engage in the Victorian VET system.

The reports are easy to read and written in a meaningful way that lets you identify trends and areas for growth in your own region.

This is a great time to talk about your new ideas and possible courses with your regional office. Use the data to check how your pathways connect to local opportunities in industry and education and how you can tailor programs for the hard-to-reach learner groups in your area.

Hard copies should be coming your way soon. Keep your eye out for the postie...

Adult learning satisfies!

We love this international clip about adult learning. What was a satisfying learning experience for you? Write on our [Facebook](#) wall...



1 – 8 September
Adult Learners' Week

Meet us online at



Get MORE from your free media options

NOTE: BARWON SOUTH WEST TRAINING HAS HAD A LOCATION AND DATE CHANGE. IT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR COLAC, 6 SEPTEMBER.

We all know a business that just seems to always be in the paper or the local radio with a photo or an event, right? It's no accident. You can do this too with the right skills and strategy to capitalise on free media – yes, FREE media! We're even talking about TV.

The Media Training PD which is coming to each region aims to equip you with the skills you need to get your organisation into the media – local, state and national; print, radio, TV and online. You will leave with a finished press release ready to start sending out to targeted media. You will also have the skills, confidence and enthusiasm to start doing it straight away.

This form of media placement is the BEST type of FREE MEDIA that an organisation can secure to promote its services to the target markets. And collectively, it will be exciting to see some great Learn Local exposure right around the state.

It's easy to apply. Click here for the [online application form](#) taking note of the date change for the Barwon South West Region training, now 6 September in Colac. Full details can be found in [General Memo 2012/21](#)

RECENT MEMOS – click 'em

(General Memo) [2012 / 28 ACFE Celebration 23 August 2012](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 27 Pre-accredited program developments](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 26 ACE Business Survey 2012](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 25 Study Grants for Career Practitioners](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 24 Wurreker Awards Nominations](#)

(General Memo) [2012 / 23 LYNCing Learn Local Organisations: Opportunity to participate in pilot](#)



EASTERN REGION

Remember we have moved to our new office in Glen Waverley!

Please can you make sure that any post is addressed:

For the attention of:
**Adult, Community & Further Education (ACFE)
 Higher Education & Skills Group (HESG)
 DEECD
 Level 3, 295 Springvale Road
 Glen Waverley,
 Vic 3150**

One recent letter sent to us had been to just about every other person in the DEECD office (almost 100 people) –so it arrived some time later!

As we move towards electronic filing, we prefer that you, EMAIL documents by scanning and attaching as PDF files.

EMR Media Training

Thank you to Central Ringwood CH for hosting the media training last week!



It was great to have the guidance and expertise of experienced journalists to assist participants in writing press releases. Feedback on the day was very positive with participants commenting that the content was very practical. Topics such as communicating effectively with the press and researching contacts within media organisations gave some hands-on tools that were immediately useful. Resources were given out and it is hoped that these will be generally available in the near future.

A-Frame & Moderation Workshops

Registrations are open for a series of one day workshops which consist of the introduction to the A-Frame, including employability skills, in the morning with a moderation session in the afternoon. Please refer to the ACE Memo: Eastern Region’s workshop is on Thursday 27th September at BestChance Training in Glen Waverley

Or go online to <http://www.coonara.org.au/Events> to book a place

- Please read the recent [ACE memos](#)
- If you are unlikely to be able to deliver your contracted hours please speak to Tricia asap, we would like to ensure all SCHs are used by the learners.
- If you think you might need additional hours please send in a request for additional SCH form!
- Please keep sending in your Annual Reports and your Term 3/Semester 2 brochures, hard copy in the post and, where possible, an electronic version emailed.
- To make sure you are getting up to date information, advise us immediately of any changes to staff, telephone numbers & email addresses.



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The 2013 contracting season is coming! Are you ready? Have you scheduled your strategic planning meetings, thought about moderating your current A-Frames, got started on writing A-Frames for new courses?

The next Provider Forum will be in early October.



This slight delay will allow us to convey more up-to-date guidance about purchasing 2013 student contact hours and give some guidance on submitting your delivery plans. Hopefully we might also have some information about the proposed restructure in DEECD.

Can't wait for the Learn Local Metro Expo!

Some great speakers and workshops and the chance to share your brilliant ideas (and frustrations), catch up and establish new partnerships and networks with your colleagues.

Registrations will open from 22nd August, keep a lookout [here](#) for details.

