

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

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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](#)



GIPPSLAND INFORMATION



Term 3 is flying and spring is in the air! It's time to double check that your 2012 delivery is on track and to start forward planning for 2013.

HOLD THE DATE! Info session for 2013 purchasing

Wednesday, 10 October is when information on 2013 purchasing will be available to Gippsland providers. Full details are not available just yet but what we know is:

- 2013 purchasing information will be given out
- Data 2011 packs will be explained and discussed
- Session will be available online in real time using virtual conferencing
- Face-to-face session will be held in Central Gippsland (exact location TBA)
- It will be a whole day of sessions (e.g. 10ish – 3:30ish)

Please hold the date and make plans for the relevant staff and Committee of Management members to attend.

ACFE Equipment Grant

Have you been shopping yet? The ACFE Equipment Grant (formerly known as Commonwealth Equipment Grant) was paid to Learn Local organisations who are delivering training this year. It was automatically paid with the July pre-accredited payment. The intent of the grant this year is to support eLearning and digital literacy.

[General memo 2012/20](#) has the guidelines and acquittal document. The rule of thumb is that purchases need to directly relate to teaching and learning equipment that supports eLearning, and/ or classroom delivery of pre-accredited and accredited training. There is also provision for expenditure against training in using software that supports eLearning.

TIP: the funds must be fully spent and acquitted by 31 January 2013. The document you need is here [General memo 2012/20](#). It would be a good idea to complete this requirement before the end of this year.

Learner Satisfaction Survey

The Stones couldn't get it... "satisfaction", that is. So make sure your pre-accredited learners can! The Learner Satisfaction Survey (LSS)



website is made available for use by Learn Local Providers until 31 December each year.

The ACFE Board uses the results of the LSS to fulfil its requirement to report on student satisfaction. To ensure the completeness of the survey coverage, participation by all Learn Local Providers in the ACFE Learner Satisfaction Survey is mandated in ACFE agreements.

Let's Celebrate!

Have you visited the Adult Learners' Week website yet? <http://adultlearnersweek.org/>



This year's theme is "Digital literacy: Connecting and learning through technology". Gippslanders – you KNOW you are good at this!

Not sure what to do? Decorate your learning spaces, your website, your foyers with the free-to-download posters, and make use of the Powerpoint templates – all available on their 'resources' webpage. Check out the *Five Easy Ways* tips on p1 of this newsletter.

ACFE celebration!

3.30pm – 5.00pm

Thursday, 23 August 2012

We'd love you to join us! Details in [General Memo 2012/ 28](#)



PD Professional development Get involved
 Date to be aware of Contractual obligation

Important dates and actions

WHAT	WHEN	WHY
★	Your AGM	Submit BVA, AGM report and financial reports within 30 days
★	Regularly	Read all General Memos and Capacity Initiative Memos . They are an extension of your ACFE Agreement and contain info on requirements and opportunities.
🕒	Aug 23	ACFE Celebration
PD	Aug 30	Media Training
🕒	Sept 1-8	Adult Learners Week
📅	Sep 12-13	Brainfood Conference
📅	Sep 22	Regional Council Planning
PD	Oct 24	<i>Catering to Diverse Learners & Embedding LLN into VET programs.</i> Free PD by TAFE Development Centre
PD	Oct 10	Learn Local Business Development Forum (formerly provider briefing)