

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!

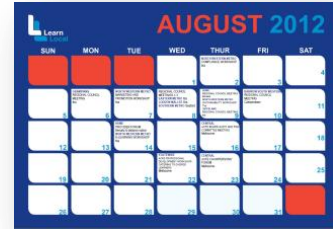
If you went to Bendigo during July we really hope that you were at the Inaugural Regional & Rural Learn Local Conference. For two days, delegates were challenged to "Think Differently, Connect Differently" when it comes to working with adult learners and communities.

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](mailto: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 18<sup>TH</sup> & FRIDAY OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>  
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  
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**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](#)



## HUME INFORMATION

### Regional & Rural Conference

Many of you attended the inaugural ACFE Regional & Rural Conference, the theme of which was *Thinking Differently – Connecting Differently*, and the feedback has been very positive.

The conference kicked off with a presentation entitled 'Revitalising Local Communities' by keynote speaker Dr Ernesto Sirolli. Dr Sirolli is very passionate about his subject and both the presentation and follow-up workshops were extremely well received.

Day 2 had an e-learning theme and a hybrid approach to workshops with participants and presenters both in the room and online. Our onsite Techie, Joe, ensured the technology behaved itself (mostly) and aided in demonstrating the potential of this form of delivery – consistent with the theme of day 2 being Connecting Differently.



*ACFE Staff getting up close and personal with the Bendigo Lion Dancers, who entertained us with a stunning performance over dinner*

### SCH Allocation

It's that time of the year when we all review delivery of student contact hours against delivery plans.

Could providers please contact Stacey at the regional office on 5761 2137 if you have hours you would like to return. This will allow us to reallocate hours within our region and to ensure that delivery plans and funding agreements are all up to date. You will need to make the proposed changes within your delivery plan and submit to regional office for approval and recording.

Please also let us know if you are hoping to obtain extra student contact hours for the remainder of 2012.

## NOTE FOR YOUR DIARIES

### ACFE Hume Provider Forum

Wednesday 24 October

DEECD Building, 150 Bridge Street, Benalla

10.00am – 1.00pm  
followed by lunch

### Support your Local Bikie (Black Dog Ride)



Ross is putting his annual leave to good use this month – he will be riding to Alice Springs to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention. The ride, organised by The Black Dog Institute, has been specifically planned to reach regional communities because they are the communities most heavily affected by this illness and its effects.

The Black Dog Institute is an educational, research, clinical and community-oriented facility offering specialist expertise in mood disorders, and its aims are to improve the lives of those affected by these disorders and consequently the lives of their families and friends

You can donate to the cause by visiting Ross's fundraising page at:

<http://www.everydayhero.com.au/tinks1502>.

### Congratulations

Two of our Hume region providers have been selected as finalists in the 2012 Victorian Learn Local Awards. Congratulations go to The Centre for Continuing Education who are in the running for the Outstanding Provider Award and also to the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau who are challenging in the Outstanding Learner category.

We know that both organisations deserve to win their categories and hope that they are successful on the day.