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1. STOP PRESS!!! - Practical Matters Workshops with a CGEA Focus

There are three Practical Matters workshops in the pipeline scheduled for **late October**. Due to the term break we are not able to provide more information at this time. While the details are yet to be finalized we hope to hold one workshop in the **Melbourne metropolitan** area, one in **Geelong** and the third in the **Hume** region. We will send out an email flyer for each in the next few weeks.

2. Positions on ACFE regional councils

Advertisements for these positions have appeared in newspapers and we encourage members to consider nominating. There is a real need for knowledgeable and committed members to take an active role in governance to ensure the best interests of learners are kept foremost in thinking and planning. This is an opportunity to work with ACFE and become part of the regional council network. There are vacancies in the following Regional Councils

Barwon South Western – 4 vacancies

Eastern Metropolitan – 3 vacancies

Gippsland – 5 vacancies

Hume – 2 vacancies

Loddon Mallee – 4 vacancies

Northern Metropolitan - 2 vacancies

Southern Metropolitan – Nil vacancies

Western Metropolitan – 1 vacancy

More information at <http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au>

Expressions of interest close on **October 12, 2007**

3. We Can All Make Music

A workshop that explores how singing can enhance the learning of English as a second language with Lyndal Chambers on Fri 19 Oct 2007 between 12.30 and 2.30

at the Collingwood Library for teachers and ESL/Literacy providers that will:

* explore ways to develop language through song

* demonstrate how to run your own singalongs

* hear about the benefits of music learning as a tool

* discuss ways of creating a safe and expressive learning environment

More at <http://cmv.customer.netSPACE.net.au/Upcoming.html#wecan2>

4. New Post Graduate course for Literacy and Numeracy Teachers in VET Swinburne

University of Technology, Victoria, is pleased to announce a new post-graduate course for literacy and numeracy teachers, focusing on literacy and numeracy work in the Vocational Education and Training sector.

The Graduate Certificate of Social Science (Literacy and Numeracy Teaching in VET) is designed for both new and experienced trainers and teachers. The course, will be offered on a part-time basis, with a mix of on-campus and distance delivery. Applicants who have considerable experience in teaching/training adults but who do not have a teaching degree or equivalent will be considered on their individual merits.

Watch out for an article on the new course in a forthcoming edition of Fine Print!

Further information: <http://courses.swinburne.edu.au/>

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