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1. 2010 Conference I LEARN ...YOU learn ... WE learn

VALBEC Conference 2010 – 4 June

Pre-conference workshops – 3 June

William Angliss Conference Centre

The Call for Presentations has now closed and the program will be announced soon.

2. Innovative ways of working with migrant and refugee young adult migrants.

VALBEC Regional Twilight Forum, Shepparton, 27 April 2010

Fran MacMahon-Sers and Julie Palmer will present an overview of the YAMEC course (Young Adult Migrant Education Course) and partnership projects that demonstrate innovative ways of working with migrant and refugee young adults. These students are aged from 15-26 years of age and usually have not completed secondary schooling. Their experiences as refugees and a range of resettlement issues impact on their engagement in education to develop further English language and literacy skills.

The Twilight forum will be held on Tuesday 27th April from 6pm to 8pm at the Multicultural Education Centre Conference Room, Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE, Fryers Street, Shepparton.

This event is free but will require registration info@valbec.org.au

There will be nibbles and drinks provided for participants.

More details will be posted after Easter.

3. Hands Up .. Hands On ...

Call for Presentations

Friday 10 and Saturday 11 September

Charles Darwin University, Darwin, NT

Practitioners, researchers, program managers, project participants and policy analysts working in the field of adult language, literacy and numeracy are invited to submit a presentation proposal for the Hands up... Hands on... ACAL 2010 Conference.

There are three sub-themes:

Literacy and numeracy for everyday living

Literacy and numeracy for building strong communities

Reclaiming quality learning and teaching

More at <http://www.acal.edu.au/2010conf/call.htm>

4. RaPAL Conference 2010 Greenwich University, London

15-17 July

Multiliteracies: Changing literacies, changing worlds

It is a decade since the New London Group used the term Multiliteracies in their groundbreaking volume of the same name (Cope and Kalantzis, 2000) to describe the diverse linguistic forms and multimodal media we now employ to communicate with each other.

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<http://www.literacy.lanacs.ac.uk/rapal/conference/>

5. Australian Workforce Futures – A National Workforce Development Strategy

This recently released publication says that the additional funding which is currently being met by recent government programs, will need to be maintained until at least 2020 to provide a 3% per annum growth in enrolments in both higher education and VET. It also recommends that existing government programs that target language, literacy and numeracy be expanded by 50% to lift workforce participation and productivity. Read more by downloading a copy from http://www.skillsaustralia.gov.au/PDFs_RTFs/WWF_strategy.pdf

6. Page Turners!

Greetings Adult ESL and Literacy Teachers. You probably already know there are 3 series of Page Turners! the low-level reading texts suitable for ESL and adult literacy. But did you know: Page Turners SERIES 4 is now available with 10 New Titles! And Also: Free Audio for Series 4 is available at <http://pageturners.prace.vic.edu.au>

7. Next Fine Print

The next issue of Fine print is in preparation and will include:

'Whose Knowledge Counts? A Canadian Perspective' By Tannis Atkinson

'Study Circles and the Dialogue to Change Program' By Mary Brennan and Mark Brophy

'From Strength to Strength –Thoughts on the 2009 ACAL Conference' By Pauline O'Maley

'Technology Matters': Jill Koppel, from Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre, offers some practical ideas for using and producing your own screencasts in the ICT classroom.

'Beside the Whiteboard': Jacinta Agostinelli, who was based at the Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre until the end of last year, reflects on some of her teaching and learning experiences.

'A Provider Profile' : Morrisons, a learning organisation located in Mt Evelyn, in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, in the outer Eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

'Open Forum' Philippa McLean shares some insights on the ACSF, the Australian Core Skills Framework.

'From Over the Border' Jean Searle provides an overview of the 2009 Queensland Council for Adult Literacy State Conference.

'Foreign Correspondence' Snoeks Desmond outlines some of the many challenges facing people in South Africa with low levels of literacy.

'What's Out There?' Rosie Lechte reviews Caring for Children: Effective communication for CALD workers in Childcare, written by Maggie Power and published by AMES, while Sarah Deasey reviews, That's Work! an interactive CD Rom, produced by the AMES Resourcing Learning and Innovation Unit, by writers Elsie Hill, Maggie Power and Lilliana Hajncl, with funding from the Telematics Trust.

8. Fine Print Student Writing Edition 2010

Theme : The Spice of Life – food and cooking Deadline: Friday June 11th

STUDENTS

Ideas for writing could be: food traditions and culture; food abundance or privation; food issues such as food security and sustainability; flavour and smell; growing food including community gardens; food jobs; evocative food; learning to cook; what food or meal is the 'spice of life' for you and why.....

TEACHERS

We want you to use your students' writing as inspiration for writing about your teaching practice and the ways in which you develop learning activities that enable integration of curriculum to achieve learning outcomes.

More information <http://www.valbec.org.au/studentwriting2010.htm>

9. Global campaign

Adult literacy policies must materialise by 2012 demands Global Campaign for Education – read this article and more at

<http://www.campaignforeducation.org/>

10. 35th ACEVic Conference

EmbrAC(E)ing the Challenge

Thursday 6th May 2010

Rendezvous Hotel, Melbourne

<http://acevic.org.au/Content/category/2010-conference/>

11. Getting to Know NCVER

NCVER is hosting workshops designed to provide practical help on how to access and use NCVER statistics and research.

The workshops will be hands-on using computers, and participants will work through realistic examples to provide practical guidance to finding VET-related information. A resource kit will be provided.

Melbourne Thursday 22 April 2010
Cliftons Melbourne
1/440 Collins Street, Melbourne
http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/news/issue_226.html

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