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1. VALBEC symposium

No Frills : Sharing Good Practice

Friday May 20, 2011 at the William Angliss Conference Centre.

Keynote speaker : Susan Ollerhead (UNSW) recently returned from South Africa where she has been volunteering at a literacy centre in Knysna. Her article will appear in the next edition of Fine Print. Sue will be speaking about adult literacy tuition as a social practice and will draw on case studies examining the relationships between pedagogy and practice.

This one day event will provide an opportunity for practitioners to share and discuss good practice with three potential streams: Literacy and Language practice in accredited and non-accredited programs, Numeracy, working with the CGEA & ACSF.

The VALBEC annual general meeting will be held during the afternoon.

2. Literacy on the Map • ACAL / VALBEC conference 2011

Put it in your diary.

We'll be calling for presentations shortly.

Date: Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 September, 2011

Venue: Victoria University, Flinders Street Campus in the heart of the city of Melbourne.

3. Planning for 2011

The annual VALBEC Planning meeting will be held mid January, 2011.

We welcome feedback and ideas so please send to info@valbec.org.au

4. VALBEC Fees for 2011

The VALBEC committee decided at the November meeting to maintain fees at the current schedule. Invoices will be posted in February with payment due in March.

5. Fine Print

The next Fine print should be with you shortly. In it we have two Feature articles which explore the development of partnerships to address literacy issues. In our third Feature Sue Ollerhead reflects on literacy teaching frameworks in Australia and South Africa and raises some important questions for teachers. We also have conference reports about what is happening more broadly across the state and the country, including a discussion around policy and statistics and their relationship.

In Practical Matters Tim Morris discusses a way to give your students a real audience for writing.

You will read about technologies available to teachers within library systems and using voice technologies in Technology Matters.

Our Provider Profile gives insight into the strategies regional providers employ to tackle challenges they face.

Learn about the peculiarities of teaching English as a foreign language in Asia from our Foreign Correspondent.

In What's Out There Helen Rosenberg reviews a new AMES resource about work and OH&S issues and Linno Rhodes brings us thoughts on a collection of writing about women and literacy.

Lastly we list Adult Community Education awards for 2010.

6. Thanks

The VALBEC committee would like to extend thanks to all our members for their support throughout the year. We wish you all a safe and happy festive season and look forward to working with you in 2011.

7. New Course: Vocational Graduate Certificate in Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy for Practitioners from February 2011

Suit those with responsibility for adult LLN delivery and assessment, such as those in WELL, LLNP and Concurrent Assistance programs; adult LLN teachers in VET sector, program coordinators in adult community education organisations and educational managers in a training organisation.

The LLN Practitioner Scholarships may apply:-

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Skills/Programs/LitandNum/Scholarships/Pages/Scholarships.aspx>

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8. VicTESOL – Announcing the 2011 ESL Conference

Friday 26 and Saturday 27 August 2011

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf CBD.

Call for Papers early 2011. For more information contact VicTESOL Tel (03) 9411 8522 or visit the new website <http://www.victesol.vic.edu.au> for updates.

9. Women's Perspectives #6: We Are Here!

This will showcase original writings & artwork by adult literacy/basic education students across all levels. Student writers and artists are encouraged to reflect and to share your ideas on the theme "We Are Here: How I Add Value to Society."

In what ways were you successful before you came back to school? What would you like others to know about those experiences? What are your best qualities? How are they helping you continue your education? How might they help you in the future? What contributions have you been making to society (e.g., organizing in your neighborhood, leadership in your church, helping at your child's school)? How are you already valuable to your community?

Deadline for Writings: January 28, 2011

More at <http://www.litwomen.org/>

10. Employment opportunities in eVALBEC

ACFE, ACE, RTO and TAFE managers post adult literacy, language and numeracy practitioner job ads in evalbec. Send your request (50 words limit) to info@valbec.org.au by the 26th of the month.

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