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1. VALBEC Twilight Forum: Exploring teaching philosophies and practices in adult education

Catherine Jenkins (CAE)

Details <http://www.valbec.org.au/TWForumSep10.htm>

Tuesday 3 August

North Fitzroy Star Hotel, The Garden Room

32-36 St Georges Road, Fitzroy North (near the corner of Newry Street)

5.30 – 7.30pm

Cost: Free but booking is essential; RSVP info@valbec.org.au by July 31

2. ACAL Conference - Darwin

'Hands up ... Hands on...'

Conference sessions

Over fifty presenters from Australia and New Zealand will join our key note speakers

HE. Kirsty Sword Gusmão, Chairwoman of the Alola Foundation and Goodwill Ambassador for Education, Timor-Leste

Professor Joe Lo Bianco, Chair of Language and Literacy Education and Associate Dean (Global Engagement). The University of Melbourne

Bill Atweh, Associate Professor of Mathematics Education at the Science and Mathematics Education Centre at Curtin University of Technology

Details of conference sessions and speakers are now available at

<http://www.acal.edu.au/2010conf/sessions.htm>

Pre-Conference Forum 'At the front line: context, pedagogy and practice'

Thursday, Sep 9, 2010

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

Discounts

Register now and take advantage of the Early Bird Discount (must pay by 5.00pm AEST, Tuesday 27 July 2010)

3. Community Services Workers & Volunteers Working with LLN Needs

National Consultation Forums

The CS&H ISC is preparing to undertake (free) national consultation forums in each State and Territory and an online survey to obtain industry feedback on draft additions and changes to the Community Services Training Package to incorporate LLN competency. The draft changes are intended to assist;

- volunteer tutors who provide adult LLN support, and

- workers in community services who work with clients with low LLN skills

There are two individual industry consultation sessions on each day at each location. The first session (morning session) is to review draft units of competency for workers in community services who work with clients with low LLN skills. The second session (afternoon session) is to review draft units of competency for volunteer tutors who provide adult LLN Support.

More details and dates at <https://www.cshisc.com.au/index.php> then 'Language, Literacy and Numeracy Competency Development Project'

4. Unnecessary evil, tool for understanding or ethical responsibility A Brazilian experience

Professor Lynn Mario T. Menezesde Souza

Wed, July 7, 2010, 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, Monash University Clayton Campus

In educational research, theory is seen by some to be an obstacle, only useful when addressing issues of choice and implementation of methodology. Focusing on specific experiences of educational practice in Brazil, this presentation discusses the role of theory in contributing to or hindering the understanding of the issues and policies involved and emphasises the political and ethical nature of educational research.

More <http://myuminfo.umanitoba.ca/index.asp?sec=1238&too=200&dat=7/7/2010&sta=2&wee=4&eve=8&epa=43567>

5. I Learn You Learn We Learn • 2010 VALBEC Conference

See the website for Conference feedback, pictures and presentations

<http://www.valbec.org.au>

6. PM Congratulations

Congratulations to the new Prime Minister, Julia Gillard and the new

Minister for Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, and Social Inclusion, Simon Crean.

We will watch with interest the impact of the increased Federal government funding through the Foundation Skills Package. Visit the DEEWR website for more information

<http://www.deewr.gov.au>

7. National Literacy and Numeracy Week

August 31 to September 6

Find out more

<http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/Programs/NationalLiteracyandNumeracyWeek/>

8. Hard to reach learners: What works in reaching and keeping them?

The ACFE Board commissioned the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) to undertake research into national and international best practice reach and retention of hard to reach learners. The research report includes practical examples of best practice as well as case studies demonstrating innovation in reaching hard-to-reach learners.

As part of the New Learner Markets – Reaching Hard to Reach Learners project, ACFE are conducting a World Café. This event for all ACE practitioners will explore innovative ways for extending ACE services to hard-to-reach learners.

The World Café will take place on 15 July 2010 in the Melbourne Town Hall.

Details

<http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au/web11/ACFEMain.nsf/allDocs/RWPB3E4B1BB85417629CA25763300165128?OpenDocument>

Or if that link doesn't work try <http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au> then "Information for Course providers" then "ACFE funding and resources - what is available." then ACFE Capacity Initiatives then "ACE Capacity Memos".

9. NCVER free webinars TAA... the friendly way?

Register now for the free NCVER webinar series • TAA... the friendly way?

Berwyn Clayton will discuss the findings from 'Practitioner experiences and expectations with the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAA40104): A discussion of the issues' on Friday, 13 August 2010.

Register and get more details at <http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/events.html>

10. Social capital approach into the teaching of adult literacy and numeracy

There's a new publication Bringing a social capital approach into the teaching of adult literacy and numeracy: Good practice guide

The guide suggests ways VET practitioners can adopt a social capital approach to their teaching practice.

<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2252.html> <<http://www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2252.html>>

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11. 2010-11 Victorian Women's Leadership Grants

Applications close on 3 August 2010

The Women's Leadership Grants are part of the Victorian Government's commitment to creating a community where women have equal representation and can fully participate in all aspects of community and public life. Grants of up to \$20,000 will be available to local councils, non-profit community and women's groups in Victoria for projects and activities that: increase the capacity of women to participate in

decision making, increase opportunities for women's leadership, increase diversity among Victoria's female leaders; in particular women from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds and Indigenous communities, rural and regional areas.

Details: <http://www.women.vic.gov.au> or call the Grants information line on 1300 366 356

12. Vocational Education and Training

Australian Government Productivity Commission

Education and Training Workforce: Vocational Education and Training

Have your say by submitting a response by 30 July 2010

<http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/study/education-workforce/vocational>

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