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1. 2018 ACAL Conference



Learning in Diverse Communities- STRENGTHS, REFLECTIONS, QUESTIONS

Lots of great feedback from our conference attendees - thank you!

Presentations available

Presentations from many sessions have now been loaded.

[Conference presentations](#)

2. Resources

40 Stories of Adult Literacy Learners

Stories provide us a valuable insight into the minds and experiences of others so that we can learn, empathise and stretch our knowledge and imagination. When adult literacy learners share their stories it is not only a very empowering activity for them as individuals but also provides insightful understandings for the adult literacy practitioner.

As part of VALBEC's 40 year celebrations, we will collate 40 stories of adults literacy learners from around the country and world. So take time out this year to read and watch some adult literacy stories

to remind you and inspire you in your practice. If you have a story you would like to share as part of this series please email the details and a link to info@valbec.org.au

10 Stories from the vendors of the Big Issue from around the Country.

Read the remarkable stories of resilience from Murray, Cameron, Willy, John, Susie, Bob, Rhys, Charlie, Linda and Doug.

[Get the stories](#)



3. ACAL – Informing Professional Discussions

Last week ACAL held its AGM and hosted a webinar by Rosalie Martin on the importance of relational trust.

[Webinar recording](#)

Two interesting features in the recent newsletter are:

- The conversation starters – in this section members of the committee investigate an issue and prepare a short paper as a discussion prompt for members.
- Have you read it? – in this section a committee or ACAL member provides a short review of a book or reports.



This month's contribution is topical and provocative. Access the Facebook to have your say. <https://www.facebook.com/acal.edu.au/>

[Conversation starters](#)

4. VALBEC Conference May 17, 2019

Come and join us on May 17th, 2019 for the 2019 VALBEC Conference.

We'll be working on the theme of Resilience. Working from the three drivers for VALBEC's work: Connect, Educate, Empower, consider how these resonant with accessing, developing and using resilience for yourselves, your students and your provider.

Keep an eye out for the call for proposals.

We look forward to talking, listening and learning from each other at our next conference.



5. In brief

1. It is International Day of People with a Disability on December 3.
2. Minister for Skills and Training Gayle Tierney MP announced last Friday, an increase in funding by \$2.56 million which will raise the student contact hour rate by 10 per cent for pre-accredited courses.
3. Check out VALBEC's facebook page for video of the Learn Local awards and other up to date social media newsworthy tidbits.

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