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1. Free VALBEC Spring Forum VALBEC Spring Forum fully subscribed 'Numeracy activities for all teachers' Friday, 26 September, 2008

This workshop with Noyona Chanda, adult numeracy specialist from London South Bank University, Dave Tout, Dianne Parslow and Maria Santburn is fully subscribed. We regret we cannot take further registrations.

2. ACAL Conference 2008 • 'Surfing outside the flags: catching waves, avoiding rips' Surfers Paradise on October 2 to 4, 2008

Vacancies still exist for this key national event in adult literacy

Register online <http://www.astmanagement.com.au/qcal8/>

Pre-Conference Forum – Thursday 2 October

Adult literacy, numeracy and lifelong learning: a cross-sectoral dialogue

Join Senator Ursula Stephens (Parliamentary Secretary for Social Inclusion), Dave Tout (Australian Council for Educational Research), Greg Coombs (Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing), Dr Steve Black (University of Technology, Sydney) and Mark Tucker-Evans (Council on the Ageing, Qld) on the implications of the ALLS survey for different sectors.

Forum details <http://www.astmanagement.com.au/qcal8/Forum.asp>

3. WELL on the way! – 2008

A National Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) Practitioners' Conference

Bankstown District Sports Club, NSW

12-14th November 2008

Contact MESAB Ph: 03 9889 0966 Email: mesab@mesab.com.au

4. Forthcoming vacancies on the ACFE Board and regional councils

Each Regional Council has 9 members appointed by the Minister who provide planning advice on adult education needs at the regional level, and support and liaise with ACE organisations in the region. Those interested in appointment to the Board or a Regional Council must have a commitment to excellence in adult community education and the skills and expertise to make a significant contribution to the governance of a complex organisation. It is Government policy that government boards and committees reflect the composition of the Victorian community. This includes the representation of women, indigenous and culturally diverse communities, people living in regional Victoria, people with a disability and young Victorians. Information for interested people and application forms will be available on the ACFE website <http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au/> from Saturday 20 September 2008.

The closing date for expressions of interest is Friday 17 October, 2008.

For further information, contact Sally Jamieson on (03) 9208 3713 or Jane Dewildt on (03) 9208 3708.

5. Ice-Breakers and Group Games • Inspire workshops

OFFER #1: FREE Activity Book

Would you like to get your hands on the Ten Easiest & Most Successful Ice-Breakers and Group Games Ever?

Go to <http://www.inspireyourgroup.com/valbec.htm> to instantly download your FREE copy. Thirty pages of the best group games ever!

OFFER #2: 'Soft Skills' Professional Development workshops

<http://www.inspireyourgroup.com/profdev.htm>

- Are you looking to develop or refresh your group facilitation skills?
- Do you want to add dozens of new and fun group activities to your repertoire?

An innovative professional development workshop - 'MORE THAN JUST FUN' - will inspire you to design and deliver programs that produce great results. Mark's programs are always 100% fun, this workshop will particularly

emphasise the critical soft skills that are proven to engage groups in a safe learning environment.
Sunday 16 November 2008 • 9.30am – 4pm • Lady Northcote Camp, Bacchus Marsh
Register at <http://www.inspireyourgroup.com/profdev.htm>

6. Early eVALBEC

Yes, this eVALBEC is early. The fingers that press the buttons on the first of the month won't be available on the first of October so here you are.
Transmission returns to normal in November.

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