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ACFE Matters

Stop the presses* - news just in

Rowena Allen appointed Victoria's first Gender and Sexuality Commissioner

The VALBEC committee would like to extend thanks to Rowena Allen for her commitment to Adult Community Education over many years. As Chair of the Adult Community and Further Education Board she has consistently championed the sector and ensured that marginalised and disadvantaged community members have had access to Adult Community Education. Some innovations during her time as Chair have included the success and growth of pre-accredited programs and the Learn Local brand.

We congratulate her on her appointment as Victoria's first [Gender and Sexuality Commissioner](#).

* always wanted to say that - even if this isn't produced on a press!

1. Partnership Support Package for Learn Locals

Bronwen Heathfield, Director Participation Branch, TAFE and ACFE Governance Division said 'When I recently attended the meeting of the ACE Peaks Working Group on the 13 August I provided an update on the development of the Partnership Support Package for Learn Locals. We have now received the designed resource and it will undergo a stage of validation with sector organizations prior to finalisation.

The purpose of the package is to provide Learn Locals with specific guidance materials and supporting resources to assist them to undertake and enhance their partnerships. It builds on

consultations with the Learn Local sector which indicated that such work is time and resource intensive and in some instances difficult to sustain.

Get a copy and participate in the validation process please indicate your interest via email to Nick Quinn quinn.nicholas.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

2. Engaging and connecting vulnerable and disadvantaged youth

On Friday, 21 August 2015 the Minister for Youth Affairs, Jenny Mikakos launched a consultation on improving government support and services for young Victorians.

There will be a particular emphasis on engaging and connecting vulnerable and disadvantaged youth with the community and helping them find the right support. A main priority of the framework's development is getting young people's feedback to ensure that the services the Victorian Government provides are relevant and give them the opportunity to stay at school, get a job and be connected with their community.

Young people are invited to join the conversation by visiting www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au to participate in an easy online survey where they can let the government know their needs.

Professional development

3. Building Strength with Numeracy: A practical workshop

Focusing on the new resources 'Decimals' and 'Measurement'

Presented by Beth Marr

Thursday 17 September at Chisholm TAFE, Dandenong

The VALBEC on-line adult numeracy resource: '**Building Strength with Numeracy**' now has two new Sections: 'Decimals' and 'Measurement'. Both sections contain a variety of practical, hands on and interactive class activities which focus on learners gaining a 'sense' of the decimal and measurement systems and the relationships between them. They also contain up to date practice exercises which allow students to apply this knowledge in practical, realistic adult contexts.

[More and register](#)

[See the resources](#)

4. ACAL Conference • still taking registrations

- Join people from every state and territory as well as New Zealand and Vanuatu.
- Take '[English Tea](#)', ask '[Are We There Yet?](#)', discover '[non-verbal communication](#)', give '[Positive Marks](#)'
- Remember the young lady from Niger who went for a ride on a tiger? Did she [share a cocktail](#)?
- [Talking of tigers, this lot in a Melbourne religion](#)

[More](#)

Resources

5. Parliament of Victoria newsletter

See the latest [news and resources from State Parliament](#).

6. Let there be Light!

The International Year of Light - lesson ideas

VALBEC is observing 2015 as the International Year of Light (and light based technologies). Each month a VALBEC committee member will provide some resources, inspired by the Year of Light, for the classroom or of general interest to students to use as a springboard for thinking, researching, talking or writing.

In this issue Meg Cotter offers some ideas about 'capturing light'. with a a camera and building on from there - projects, displays, exploration ...

[More](#)

Employment

7. Language, Literacy and Numeracy Teacher

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services invites applications for an LLN Foundation Skills teaching position based at our Melton site. We are seeking a TESOL qualified teacher to deliver Certificates in English as an Additional Language (EAL). A background in teaching CaLD student groups, reflecting best practice will be highly regarded. This is a sessional fixed-term contract position; 17 hours per week over 3 days, commencing Term 4.

Position description: contact Lucy Tran at lucyt@djerriwarrh.org or phone (03) 90097900. Applications close Friday 11th September 2015.

Eating, reading and fundraising

8. Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre fundraiser party

Sunday 13th September 11am to 5pm

Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre are creating an edible, beautiful sanctuary on one of the busiest intersections in Melbourne. A space for learning, meeting, sharing and reprieve. Through workshops and training programs they aim to create employment and social enterprise opportunities for the diverse and wonderful community who have been a part of creating this garden.

[More](#)

9. The Readings Foundation grants open shortly

The Readings Foundation assists Victorian organisations that support the development of literacy, community integration and the arts.

The aims of the Foundation are to:

- Aid the work of organisations that respond to the needs of disadvantaged groups living in our community;
- Increase the community's enjoyment of the word in all its forms, including screenwriting, music, theatre, art and the written word; and
- Honour the importance of creativity in community-driven work.

In 2015, The Readings Foundation grant funding has a strong focus on those organisations directly supporting disadvantaged communities by way of literacy and educational assistance programs. Grants have been awarded to organisations such as Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, Migrant Information Centre and the Aboriginal Literacy Foundation.

[More](#)

10. Indigenous Literacy Day 2015

This year Indigenous Literacy day is September 2. The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) aims to raise the literacy levels and improve the opportunities for indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions.

You can hear Martin Flanagan at Reading's Bookshop, Carlton will discuss his recent publication 'The Short Long Book'. The event is free, 10% of funds sold on Wednesday will go to the ILF.

VALBEC supported the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by making a donation in lieu of gifts to the presenters at our 2014 and 2015 conference.

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