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1. VALBEC Conference 'Streams of potential: what lies beneath'

Friday May 16 at William Angliss Institute, Melbourne

[Early bird discount for members until April 15](#)

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[Keynote speakers](#)

- Lesley Farrell, Professor of Education, Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne [More](#)
- Brendan Murray, Executive Principal, Parkville College [More](#)

[Sessions](#)

Professional identities of LLN teachers, energy teaching resource, Mr. Bean, reluctant writers, decimal and measurement activities, listening to learners, success stories, double assessment requirements, engaging with industry, multilingual literacies, employability skills.

[Full details](#)

2. Twilight Forum and AGM

Wednesday 15 April, 2015

6.00 – 8.00 pm North Fitzroy Star Hotel

32-36 St Georges Road South, Fitzroy North [Map](#)

Forum 'At the heart of teaching and learning'

Tricia Bowen, teacher, writer and researcher will provide an overview of her current research: a project exploring connections between philosophy, ethical theory and the work of teaching and learning. This research aims to investigate how teachers can promote trust, empathy and practical wisdom in their classrooms, and how this might impact on student learning and success.

[More](#)

The forum will be followed by the AGM.

Annual General Meeting

Members and friends are invited to the Annual General meeting to be held after the forum 'At the heart of teaching and learning'

Interested in nominating?

[Download a nomination form](#)

3. Students and teachers invited to contribute to Fine Print

The next edition of Fine Print will include a section of writing by students and teachers.

'Significant others in your life and learning'

With the broad theme of 'significant others', whether they be family, friends, teachers or other role models, students are asked to write about how they have been an influence in their life and/or education.

We welcome both poetry and prose and will consider images or artwork as appropriate.

Deadline: June 10th

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4. 2015 Victorian Learn Local Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2015 Victorian Learn Local Awards – proudly brought to you by the Adult, Community and Further Education Board. The Awards are the ACFE Board's major opportunity to recognise and reward the outstanding achievements of organisations, programs and individuals within the Learn Local education and training sector.

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5. VALBEC membership renewals now due

Thanks to those who have paid their membership promptly.

Need another membership invoice? info@valbec.org.au

Resources

6. 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 Lynne Matheson offers ideas about the 'Language of Light'. How 'light' it takes on all kinds of meanings and how writers have used language and imagery about light and darkness to reflect on the human condition.

[More](#)

7. Free LLN assessment - participate in trials of the new Foundation Skills Assessment Tool (FSAT)

ACER is developing the comprehensive Foundation Skills Assessment Tool (FSAT) for the Department of Industry. Trials of FSAT have now commenced, and we have a special offer of free L&N resources for those RTOs who participate fully in the trial. The trials will continue until at least the end of April 2015. Providers receive reports of each learner's performance against the skill in the relevant framework. Suitable for 2015 pre-training LLN assessments.

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Vacancies

8. Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) Trainer – part-time contract position

The Master Builders Association of Victoria is seeking an experienced WELL trainer to provide LLN support for students enrolled in a range of programs including:

- CPC40110 Certificate IV in Building & Construction (Building)
- CPC50308 Diploma of Building & Construction (Management)
- BSB30712 Certificate III in Work Health and Safety
- BSB41412 Certificate IV in Work Health and Safety.

Prior experience in delivering integrated LLN support for adult vocational learners is essential.
More: Carol Macreadie on (03) 9411 4555 or cmacreadie@mbav.com.au

Other conferences

9. ACAL Conference 2015 Call for Presentations

'Resilience, Risk, Preservation: *the evolving world of adult literacies...*'

24 and 25 September, 2015

We seek relevant, current, informative and captivating sessions on issues and practices that relate to LLN in VET, ACE or industry. We strongly encourage researchers, practitioners and providers to consider submitting an abstract.

In preparing their abstracts, presenters should keep in mind the themes of the conference:

- Resilience – effectively adapting and dealing with change for the existing and future workforce
- Risk – managing pressures resulting from Commonwealth and State government funding changes and meeting national & international LLN standards
- Preservation – acknowledging and building on achievements to date

Presentations can be either 45 minute presentation or 1.5 hour workshop.

Abstracts should be submitted by **4 May 2015**.

[Submit your presentation](#)

[Guidelines for presenters](#)

10. ACER's 2015 national adult LLN assessment conference

Adelaide on May 14 and 15

Early bird registrations are now open for ACER's 2015 LLN conference

It is a wide and varied program targeted at VET and LLN trainers and coordinators, researchers, policymakers, and training and compliance managers. Presenters from around Australia are sharing their insights and addressing a range of crucial issues surrounding adult and youth literacy and numeracy assessment, teaching and learning.

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