

eVALBEC July 2005

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1. Embracing Diversity: Emergent Learners, Emergent Skills (A Making a Difference Initiative) - Friday 15 July - NMIT Faculty of Further Education Annual Conference at the Moonee Valley Racing Club.

It's a great opportunity to share, practice and learn new skills and this year the focus is on classroom practice. The conference will also highlight latest trends in curriculum development, teaching and research and would suit Teachers, Managers with similar client groups in TAFE, Adult Community Sectors, schools and all who deal with migrant English programs, adult and youth learners, practitioners interested in innovative practice and research in further education.

Workshops such as Financial Literacy, Using Melbourne Icons in Adult Science, The Alexander Technique, Early Stages of Learning to Read, Writing for Film and Text are just a few of the 20 workshops on offer as well as 2 keynote presentations titled - What's New in Reading? and Coaching Young People for Success.

There are also special ACE Providers rates!

Details and full program - <http://www.nmit.vic.edu.au/events/>

2. Literacy Live Network

Join the new national Literacy Live network for online news and real time events with guest speakers by registering at <http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/course/view.php?id=221>

3. Teachers Required

CAE (located in the Melbourne CBD) is seeking teachers for emergency teaching in Semester 2 for our large CGEA program (including English, Maths/Numeracy, and GCOs, plus CSA Science). An education degree and Certificate 4 in Workplace Assessment and Training are required; adult education experience preferred. Please email your application and CV to Liane Hughes (lianeh@cae.edu.au) or phone on 9652 0717.

4. Roll Up!! Roll Up!! To the Greatest Conference of the year!

Under The Big Top TAKEAWAY 2

● Friday August 12th ● 9.00 - 4.00 pm ● The Whitehorse Centre, Nunawading ●

More information at <http://www.bassinternational.com.au/takeaway/>

Presented by the all new Language and Literacy Network!

* Be amazed that you go away with something useful! A lesson plan or resource from every session!

* Learn new teaching tricks!

* Network with fabulous teachers who have been performing for years!

* Laugh at the entertainment provided!

* Interact in workshops and discover new skills!

* Thrill to the delights of a fun filled, practical day!

Special one-hour hands-on workshop performances include:

* A Bag Full of Tricks - tried, true and new ideas for literacy and numeracy teachers.

* Digital story telling

* How to Spell Well!

* Theatre Sports!

* Fired Up! - Fire Safe education

* Think Right! - Thinking and learning strategies.

* Wing it and Sing it! - using singing to teach language.

* Graffiti Art- if you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

* Armed and dangerous - stunning art work opportunities.

* Crash and Burn! - Road safety issues

And lots more!

5. Practical Matters: Theoretical Practices - Victoria University September 8, 2005, Victoria University Access Department Professional Development Conference

The Conference will provide a professional development opportunity, build on professional networks and highlight latest trends in curriculum development, teaching and research with a focus on ALBE and ESL perspectives. The Access Department offers courses for mature age students including ALBE and English as a Second Language for migrants and refugees.

Contact: Debbie Soccio - dsoccio@vu.edu.au

6. Member Offer - five free copies of the new 'Issues in English 2' from Protea Textware

'Issues in English 2' is an exciting and effective new resource for adult literacy and ESL learners.

Over 700 interactive exercises based on the stimulus videos including:

* Reading and listening comprehension

* Grammar and vocabulary

* Writing - expressing opinions, essay writing, note-taking, summary writing and different genres.

Eight relevant and motivating new issues. Designed and published in Australia.

For more information, or to request a free demo version, please visit <http://www.proteatextware.com.au>

If you're a member and you'd like a free copy (limited to five), go to the VALBEC web site <http://www.valbec.org.au/> and follow the 'Member Offer' links.

If you'd like to offer a product or service for our 'member offer', contact VALBEC on info@valbec.org.au

7. Carlton Neighbourhood Learning Centre Volunteer Tutor Training Course

We are looking for people interested in tutoring an adult who has difficulties with reading and writing. They need to be able to commit two and a half hours per week to training and then to working with a student.

The 7 week non- accredited training course starts soon with an Information session on July 6th.

Phone 9347 7072 for more information

8. Teaching Literacy and ESL: Blending the Theory with the Practice

A Professional Development Program for ACFE teachers

Victoria University's School of Further Education, Arts and Employment

Services - Semester 2, 2005 and Semester 1, 2006 focussing on blending the theory and practice of teaching Literacy Methodologies and/or ESL Methodologies.

There will be two Literacy modules - Literacy Methodologies and Advanced Literacy Methodologies (76 hours) and 1 TESOL module - TESOL Methodologies (36 hours).

For more information about Recognition of Prior Learning and possible enrolment into one of the School of Education's Post-Graduate ESL/Literacy Degrees and costs, contact Debbie Soccio on 03 9919 8762 or Debbie.soccio@vu.edu.au

9. 'Contacts' update

VALBEC continues to update the 'Contacts' database. It lists courses and programs conducted by neighbourhood houses and learning centres, TAFE colleges and like organisations and is available to the public electronically, in print form and via the web

<http://www.valbec.org.au/05/contacts.html>. The project is supported by ACFE.

10. Next VALBEC Committee meeting

The next meeting of the VALBEC Committee is scheduled for 6.30 pm on Thursday, July 21 at the Royal Standard Hotel, Corner of William and Walsh Street West Melbourne. Members are welcome. Please confirm your attendance in advance.

11. Unsubscribe?

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