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NEWS

Register today for your place at our in-person TCAL Professional Learning Event!

'Striving to be a responsive practitioner' with Dr Janet McHardy

Progressive Practices



Date: Saturday 30th October 2021

Time: 10.00-4.00

Venue: C3 Convention Centre and Café, 64 Anglesea St, South Hobart TAS 7004
Also included:

- a panel discussion on getting research into practice
- What Has Worked? - sharing our good news stories
- sector updates from TasTAFE, 26TEN, Libraries Tas, University Preparation Program and Work & Training
- and bring along your ideas for a TCAL Blue Sky Thinking session

For more information about the event and to register, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/2021-tcal-professional-learning-event-progressive-practices-tickets-168878683689>



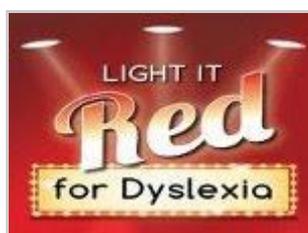
Small steps for communities, organisations and others in the 26TEN Network

- Fill in the mini-poster and take a photo to share. What small steps have you taken and what big changes have you seen?
- Share a morning tea with businesses and community groups in your area and think of small steps you can take to encourage others.
- Watch the [26TEN Chat video](#) at a meeting - it only takes five minutes.
- Email 26TEN to ask about a free [Literacy Awareness or Plain English workshop](#).
- Invite local learners to share their story to increase understanding of the issues.
- Talk about why you support 26TEN in your newsletter and on your Facebook page.
- Comment on and share the [26TEN Facebook](#) page.
- Promote the 26TEN helpline - 1300 002 610.

Dyslexia Awareness Month

Code Read Dyslexia Network Australia Ltd

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and every year many events take place during October including the National Awareness Event, Light it Red for Dyslexia, which started in 2015.



Light it Red for Dyslexia is an annual event that is administered by Code Read Dyslexia Network Australia on behalf of the national Dyslexia Support Groups. Throughout the month of October significant monuments and buildings around Australia are lit up in the colour red for Dyslexia Awareness.



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Australian Council for Adult Literacy

Invitation-2021 Arch Nelson Address and ACAL AGM

Members and friends are invited to join us on

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

commencing at 5.00pm AEDT* by Zoom webinar

*Note Daylight saving will be in operation. [Check local times](#)

Zoom link: [Register here](#)

Zoom tips: <https://acal.edu.au/zoom-tips>

2021 Arch Nelson Address with Lorraine Sushames

Arch Nelson played a major role in placing adult education on the government and public agenda and he was inaugural Chairman of the Australian Council for Adult Literacy (ACAL). Each year, in recognition of the outstanding [contribution by Arch Nelson](#), a leading figure in the field of adult education is invited to give an address in Arch's name.

The speaker this year is Lorraine Sushames and her topic is: **Moments in time – tensions, trajectories and intersections.**



Lorraine has 26 years' experience as a specialist in the adult literacy field and is a long-time advocate for the provision of appropriate programs for adults with literacy gaps. She has held the role of Honorary Treasurer and Member of the ACAL Executive since 2004. She maintains an interest in policy development and its implications for funding and practice. Of particular focus is the role that literacy plays in post-conflict adult education and in the personal and economic advancement of culturally diverse populations. Her publications reflect these interests.

2021 ACAL Annual General Meeting Agenda

Voting and nominations are available to financial ACAL members.

1. Confirm the minutes of the previous AGM held on October 21, 2020.
2. Receive and adopt an annual report from the Executive
3. Receive and adopt the audited accounts of ACAL
4. Elect new officers and Executive Committee for 2021-22

The meeting is to elect the following

- President
 - Vice President (to be based in a state or territory different from that of the President)
 - Honorary Secretary
 - Honorary Treasurer
5. Announce state and territory representatives
 6. Appoint the auditor, Penny Carroll, Outer Eastern Bookkeeping
 7. Close meeting

Links

[2020 Minutes](#)

[2021 Finance Review](#)

Interested in nominating?

The four Executive positions are open to all financial ACAL members and details are provided here

[Nomination forms](#)

[Position descriptions](#)

[Constitution](#)



Review of employment-based training models

Employment-based training (EBT) is training for paid employees within a work setting, related to their role, and provided or supported by employers. The report explores alternative approaches to employment-based training—cadetships and internships, higher apprenticeships, and on-the-job structured training such as mentoring—and their implications for VET content and delivery. It draws on international and Australian literature, supplemented by interviews with employers in the social assistance, construction and information technology industries. These approaches are not necessarily new but the novelty in these forms of EBT comes in their fit-for-purpose designs. Download the report [HERE](#)



Community Colleges Australia
News from CCA 2021

Commonwealth Minister challenges the VET sector:

[TAFE Directors Australia reports](#) that Skills Minister Stuart Robert “has delivered a blunt assessment of key elements of the VET sector, including apprenticeships and qualifications development” in his speech at the virtual launch of National Skills Week. [Read a summary here.](#)

TAE Training Package Case for Change

includes a holistic review of the TAE Training Package and E-assessment project. [Link to project pages here.](#)



Sign the Pledge

The Universal Declaration of
Communication Rights



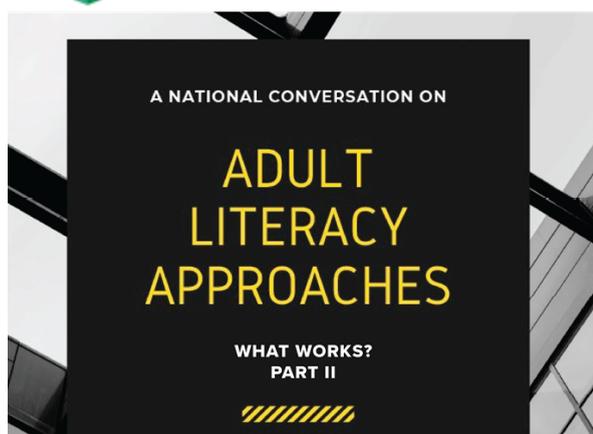
[Click here to learn more!](#)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



**Adult
Learning
Australia**

Free online event: A national conversation on adult literacy approaches – what works? Part 2



Adult Learning Australia's national conversation continues, bringing together leading adult education organisations to explore their submissions into the Australian federal government's inquiry into adult literacy and its importance.

Join Ros Bauer (ALA) and Jo Medlin (ACAL) as they continue the adult literacy conversation with new panelists Dr Keiko Yasukawa – NSW ALNC, Elizabeth Gunn – VALBEC and Wendy Kennedy – NT Stakeholder Group.



From Valbec:

As you know, Valbec conferences are warm and welcoming events.

We invite everyone to submit abstracts (proposals) for conference presentations.

It could be a panel, a report, a forum, a provocation, a workshop or a field trip. Amaze us with your ingenuity.

Perhaps you've got an idea, or know someone else who has.

Maybe you want to try something new and experimental, or you have a hunch brewing and you'd like feedback on it, or there's a conversation you'd like to have with colleagues about a burning issue?



Be brave.

Be creative.

Be playful.

And don't hesitate to reach out and tell us about it!

Think of the conference on 25-26 November as an incubator for growing ideas and expertise about adult language, literacy and numeracy education 😊

[Go to Valbec website for presentation and registration](#)

[details.](#)

Final deadline for presentation proposals 25 October!

READING AND RESEARCH



Heartwarming 'Lost for Words' documentary looks at learning to read as an adult



Are you watching it?

What are your thoughts?

Do you feel it will help build the groundswell for both literacy and numeracy learners and volunteer tutors?

RESOURCES

A couple of VALBEC recommendation:

Many things

A free study site for English students have access to games, quizzes, puzzles, MP3 files with transcripts and listening practice.

<http://www.manythings.org/>

Learning Chocolate

Aims to help students with English vocabulary in an easy and efficient way by using images, pronunciation and games. Students can learn the pronunciation and the written form of each vocabulary word and then test themselves.

<https://www.learningchocolate.com>