

Messages from the ACFE Board

Congratulations to all 2011 Victorian Learn Local Award nominees and finalists - fantastic achievement by all involved! Winners will be announced at the awards luncheon Tuesday 6 September 2011. For a full list of finalists please go to www.acfe.vic.gov.au.

Sincere thanks also to those Learn Local organisations who spoke to and/or made submissions to the Governments review of VET fees and funding. The Essential Services Commission will report to Government in late 2011, with a further opportunity for providers and the public to comment on findings and recommendations.

Communications and Marketing Training

As most of you are aware, the training team from Royce Communications and various ACFE staff members have been on the road providing Communications and Marketing Training to Learn Local organisations across Victoria.

For those who have attended, remember the toolkit used in the training session is available on the [wiki](#). If you are looking to [register](#), do so quickly as places are going fast!

Learn Local success stories - Kyabram Community and Learning Centre (KCLC)

Kyabram Community and Learning Centre (KCLC) recently launched a joint campaign to promote Learn Local in conjunction with local businesses.

MYCARD encourages consumers to 'Learn Local, Shop Local' for their goods and services – enticing people to shop locally in Kyabram before visiting another town. The participating businesses set their own level of discount or benefit and inform customers when they present their loyalty card.

Enrolled students at KCLC are thrilled with the concept and businesses are signing up one after the other. Tom Ellis, Marketing Manager at KCLC, believes the MYCARD to be a sustainable business initiative – 'these links are crucial and the new Learn Local approach fits beautifully - the exciting thing is the capacity building it is doing for us; we are analysing business needs and offering local learning opportunities'.

Check us out on



or our [website](#)

or on the [Learn Local Wiki](#)

Recent Memos

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- ACFE's move to Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
- ACFE Vic Government e-mentor Project: Invitation to participate
- EFT Remittance Advice to Learn Local Providers
- ACE Professional Learning Workshops offered July to December by the TAFE Development Centre

[Click on this link to read the Capacity Initiatives memos.](#)

- ACE Business Capacity Program workshops for non-RTO Learn Local Providers – Registration Open
- Improve Governance in the Learn Local Sector
- Business Mentoring for Learn Local organisations: Further Opportunity to Access a Mentor

Important Dates

(state-wide only)

Monday 29 August – Applications close, ACFE Board Capacity & Innovation Fund 2011

1 – 8 September – Adult Learners Week

Tuesday 6 September - 2011 Victorian Learn Local Awards presentation luncheon

Interesting Statistics

Over 50% of enrolments in 2010 were in short initial training courses (non-award or module-only programs). On average, learners in these courses undertook less than 50 hours of training.

About 22% of enrolments were in Certificate level I and II courses involving about 150 hours of training.

Nearly 20% of enrolments were in Certificate levels III and IV courses involving about 300 contact hours.



GREAT USE OF LEARN LOCAL POSTERS AND FLIERS – TAKEN AT TRARALGON NEIGHBOURHOOD LEARNING HOUSE

Gearing up to learn!

In July, the Geelong Advertiser showcased an uplifting story about Connor Dixon, a 16 year old boy from Lara. It talked about his achievement in Geelong's newly revamped youth training program 'You Turn'. The program is driven by Diversitat and offers automotive skills training for at risk young people struggling with mainstream education.

Connor says 'I don't really like going to school because I have trouble in an environment where I'm just sitting there and writing things, I really enjoy working with my hands and I love cars. This has been good – I've really got into it'.

Connor has taken on two VET courses at Corio Bay Senior College and is expected to undertake work experience with a local mechanic.

This program is a great opportunity for young people who are looking to develop their skills in a trade they enjoy.

Access and Equity Grants Program 2011

Congratulations to the three Learn Local organisations who successfully received a Skills Victoria Access and Equity Grant, worth approximately \$100,000 each.

CAE in partnership with Hanover Welfare Services are developing a project to support people experiencing homelessness and help them to re-engage with education and training and move through to further study or employment.

Continuing Education Bendigo in conjunction with Radius Disability Services will be developing a trade assistants 'training pathway model' for young people with a disability in the construction industry.

Students will be assisted to move from supported to open employment through the Certificate I in Manufacturing Pathways and Certificate I in Work Education.

Morrison's project in conjunction with Anchor Youth and Family Services will support young people disengaged from mainstream education by developing a service model around integrated housing, support and educational service.

Support for Learn Local Committees of Management

The 'Improved Governance in the Learn Local Sector' project is one of a suite of ACE Vic Capacity Initiative Projects aimed at improving the capabilities of Learn Local Organisations in the training environment.

This particular project looks at providing Committee of Management members with a framework and relevant tools to manage their education and training activities more effectively in a competitive skills delivery environment.

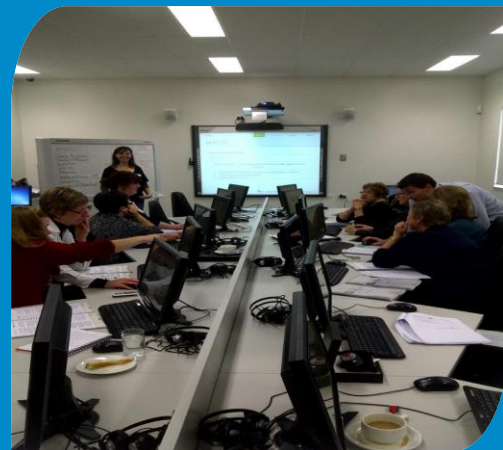
Representatives from ACE Vic, Community Colleges Australia, Learn Local Committees of Management, the office for the Community Sector and DEECD are supporting the development of the framework tools. Please feel free to talk to them or Jenny Newcombe if you wish to have input at this stage. A survey of all Committees of Management will be taking place in September to seek Committee of Management views on key issues.

Business Mentoring for Learn Local organisations

Once again, Small Business Mentoring Service (SBMS) have agreed to deliver free mentoring sessions to Learn Local organisations. The business world is constantly evolving and SBMS can help you move with it by providing assistance with marketing, financial and strategic planning, personnel systems / processes plus much more. This really is a fantastic opportunity to further develop your organisation – so get on board!

[Register now](#) – type ACED in the voucher code section and follow the prompts.

For more information on SBMS visit www.sbms.org.au



LEARN LOCAL ORGANISATIONS ENJOYING THE COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING TRAINING AT bestCHANCE IN GLEN WAVERLEY



Regional Information

In recent months, the regional office has had a number of variations to the team.

We welcomed Wendy Crawford who is temporarily filling an administration role. Following his long tour of Europe, we are pleased to welcome back Walter Aich to the post of Regional Manager. We also said good bye to Alex Millar and we wish her well in her new position with Department of Human Services. The Project Officer vacancy has been awarded to Libby Langford, creating a vacancy in the Program Support Officer role. Wendy is currently taking care of many of these responsibilities. Behind all of that, ACFE are completing the transition into the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development which means that a lot of new systems and processes have been put in place. Please note the new contact details in the table below and update your address book.

We thank you for your patience if our response to your emails and phone calls has been less than ideal. We are doing our best under some incredibly testing circumstances!

HOLD THE DATE!!

Professional development - Gippsland briefing for Providers

The next ACFE professional development briefing is a couple of weeks away - **Tuesday August 23 in Moe and via *Illuminate Live!*** We expect to present information on further funding opportunities, latest data that will guide funding in 2012, feedback on the Invalid Enrolment Audit, and more. Full details will be emailed soon. Please add the date to your diary and consider which staff person can represent your organisation on August 23.

Regional Office changes

In a nutshell (* new contact detail):

ROLE	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
Regional Manager	Walter Aich	*5127 0416	aich.walter.s@edumail.vic.gov.au
Project Officer	Libby Langford	*5127 0417	langford.elizabeth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
Program Support Officer/Administration	Wendy Crawford	*5127 0418	To be advised
	FAX	*5126 1933 (Converts paper to pdf format)	IMPORTANT NOTE: only use this number. The old fax number is disconnected and will not receive your documents.

ACFEB Capacity & Innovation Fund applications in Gippsland

A number of organisations have already been in touch with the regional office to talk about their application for the second round of this year's ACFE Board Capacity & Innovation Fund. Do you want to increase your chance of a successful application? Make sure you seek feedback – it is a very good way to check that your application demonstrates how your project meets the guidelines.

Remember – applications need to be received electronically by **12:00 noon Monday, 29 August**. Email acfegip@dpcd.vic.gov.au or fax to 5126 1933 (faxes to this number are received in a pdf format).

Getting your stats right

Now more than ever before, accurate statistic uploads are a core part of your ACFE business. Regional office has received some data which gives us details of the uploads to 30 June 2011. Organisations will be contacted individually to follow up on the accuracy of the reported delivery.

Redistribution of 2011 Student Contact Hours

As the year pushes on, we are coming to the time of year where organisations may choose to return a portion of their contracted Student Contact Hours. Please have a look at your actual delivery, and your projections for the rest of 2011. Email Libby Langford (langford.elizabeth.l@edumail.vic.gov.au) if you want to discuss this. We have until the end of September to redistribute Student Contact Hours within Gippsland. After that, it is very hard to keep those training hours in the region.

Learn Local Awards – thank you Gippsland!

We are really pleased to see that Gippsland organisations (that's you!) got behind the 2011 Learn Local Awards. Seven nominations across all of the award categories were received. We love to hear your stories of celebration and success, and we are even more excited by the possibility of having winners from Gippsland! Every nomination is a stunning example of ACE at its best and we wish each one the best of luck. The Learn Local Awards ceremony is happening on 6 September at *Zinc*, in Federation Square, where the **Minister for Higher Education and Skills, the Hon. Peter Hall MLC**, will speak.

Good luck to the Gippsland nominees in the following Learn Local Award categories who are in the running for cash prizes!

- Outstanding organisation – \$10,000
- Outstanding learner - \$5,000
- Outstanding practitioner - \$5,000
- Outstanding pre-accredited program – \$10,000
- Outstanding Koorie achievement - \$5,000
- Innovation in learning - \$10,000