

The Power of Community Education

Annual ACEVic Conference 2019

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The Power of Community Education

In 2019 we highlight the power of community education to transform lives and address complex social issues. We will hear from inspiring speakers about innovative programs and learning opportunities that place adult education at the heart of community mobilisation.

Keynote speakers



Tony Brown

Tony Brown is an Associate Professor in Adult, Community and Higher Education at the University of Canberra and has worked in adult education for over 25 years as an administrator, researcher, advocate and teacher.



Maria Peters

Maria Peters is the new Adult, Community and Further Education Board Chairperson. Maria has been involved in the adult education sector for more than 30 years and has been recognised for leading significant educational innovation within the VET sector.



Louisa Ellum

With over 20 years of experience in the education and training and youth sectors, Louisa Ellum is at the forefront of emerging directions in flexible and inclusive learning.

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Presenters



Leanne FitzGerald

Leanne FitzGerald is a renowned community education consultant who was Manager of Coonara Community House for more than 25 years.



Sandra Hamilton

Sandra Hamilton is Manager Social Inclusion at Go Goldfields, a standout example of collective impact working at all levels of community to bring about social change and cohesion.



Sara Jenkins

Sara Jenkins has been Coordinator of Corryong Neighbourhood Centre (CNC) for eight years, after working for 30 years in a range of industries in Melbourne.



Frances Clarke

After working as an adult education specialist for 20 years, Frances Clarke is now Manager of the Goldfields Employment and Learning Centre (GELC) in Maryborough, where she works closely with council, government agencies and community.



Gemma Whitehead

Gemma Whitehead is a trainee at Corryong Neighbourhood Centre, both a recipient and future provider of community education.



Debra Parker

Debra Parker is Workforce Development Manager at Women's Health Victoria and has worked in the education and not-for-profit sectors for over 20 years.



Ryan Collins

Ryan Collins is Director of Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement for the Department of Education and Training and has worked in senior management in the education, employment and government sectors for over 12 years.



Ellie Swindon

Ellie Swindon is Workforce Development Officer at Women's Health Victoria and has 10 years' experience working in gender programs internationally.



Kevin Ekendahl

Kevin Ekendahl is Principal Lead Auditor for Audit Express and has worked in senior management positions in the training and education sector for nine years.



Claire Varley

Claire Varley has worked in the primary prevention of violence against women and gender equity sectors in Australia and overseas for more than a decade.

Thursday 28 March

12.15pm to 6.30pm

12.15pm Arrival and Registration

12.45pm Acknowledgement of Country

1.00pm Opening Address: The Hon Gayle Tierney

Minister for Training and Skills
Minister for Higher Education

1.30pm Keynote Speaker – Tony Brown

Adult education has the power to change lives and the ACE sector has always been made up of educators and providers capable of adapting to the changing environments around them. However, the declining support for adult education in recent times makes the challenge to meet the needs of those who have missed out more pressing. Tony will focus on the question: 'How might we think of adult education and learning in today's challenging times?'

2.30pm Afternoon Tea

3.00pm Panel: The Power of Example in Community Education – Leanne FitzGerald, Sara Jenkins and Gemma Whitehead

Bringing together powerful examples of social change through community education, the panel will discuss their learnings both nationally and internationally. Leanne speaks passionately about the need for Learn Local providers to look beyond the community sector for ideas and innovation. Sara and Gemma will talk about their work in the Upper Murray community of Corryong, with a focus on the dynamics of leading change and the accompanying challenges and triumphs.

4.00pm Harnessing the Power of Data – Ryan Collins, Department of Education and Training

Ryan will speak about the importance of community-based education and training and will provide insight into current and emerging data in relation to the Learn Local sector. He will discuss ways Learn Local providers and other community education providers can use this data to plan for the future.

5.00pm Closing Address – Kevin Ekendahl, Principal Lead Auditor, Audit Express

Having built and managed a registered training organisation, Kevin understands the importance of ensuring there is the right balance between growth and maintaining quality. He will talk about the power of using resources in the local community and will discuss key issues relating to governance and compliance that will benefit all Learn Local providers.

5.30pm Drinks and Canapés Evening

Friday 29 March

8.30am to 4.30pm

8.30am Arrival and Registration

8.45am Acknowledgement of Country

9.00am Collective Impact Empowering Local Communities – Sandra Hamilton and Frances Clarke, Go Goldfields

The Go Goldfields team will discuss the steps they have taken, using a collective impact approach, to bring community members from Central Goldfields Shire together to address complex social issues and improve outcomes for children, youth and families. They will focus on the role of community education and share their learnings of working in partnership.

10.00am Keynote Speaker – Louisa Ellum

Louisa will present on emerging themes from her current PhD research, which focuses on the nature of partnerships in flexible learning providers, and will specifically draw attention to the importance of mental health literacy for educators and young people. Louisa is Head of Implementation and Development at Beyond Blue, co-leading the Be You initiative, and is undertaking her PhD studies at the Peter Underwood Centre, University of Tasmania.

11.00am Morning Tea

11.30am Gender Equity Vocational Training – Debra Parker, Ellie Swindon and Claire Varley, Women's Health Victoria

Women's Health Victoria (WHV) is leading a consortium of industry and training providers, including ACEVic, who have come together to develop and pilot an accredited course in gender equity. The consortium is developing a suite of units of competency designed to embed gender equity knowledge and skills across a broad range of industries.

12.00pm Gender Equity in the Classroom Workshop – Ellie Swindon and Claire Varley

Ellie and Claire will facilitate a workshop to broaden your understanding of how gender equality is at the heart of preventing violence against women and is essential for creating prosperous, socially-connected and healthy communities.

12.45pm Working Lunch and ACEVic AGM

You are invited to attend the ACEVic AGM and meet with colleagues and participants to discuss ideas and opportunities for partnership.

2.00pm Closing Keynote – Maria Peters, Adult, Community and Further Education Board Chairperson

Maria will speak about the priorities of the Adult, Community and Further Education Board in 2019 and beyond. She will focus on the Board's mission to build the sector, enhance opportunities for adult learners, and increase educational participation and attainment.

2.45pm Afternoon Tea

During afternoon tea, we will hear from the newly elected ACEVic Board.

3.00pm Networking Event

You are invited to network with the ACEVic Board and with our Closing Keynote Speaker, Maria Peters, as well as other members of the Adult, Community and Further Education Board.

3.30pm Closing Remarks

Highlighting the power of adult and community education to transform lives.

Tickets available from Eventbrite

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\$75 – Early Bird from 7 – 28 February

\$125 – Standard from 1 – 26 March

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\$275 – Early Bird from 7 – 28 February

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