



2010 VALBEC CONFERENCE

I learn ... YOU learn ... WE learn



William Angliss Conference Centre

Friday June 4, 9.00am - 4.00pm

(Pre-conference workshops – Thursday June 3, 3.00 – 5.30pm)

“real learning gets to the heart of what it means to be human. Through learning we re-create ourselves. Through learning we become able to do something we never were able to do. Through learning we re-perceive the world and our relationship to it. Through learning we extend our capacity to create, to be part of the generative process of life. There is within each of us a deep hunger for this type of learning”

Peter Senge, The Fifth Discipline 1995

The conference theme in 2010 will focus on “real learning” and the ways in which we, as practitioners make learning possible in diverse and challenging contexts.

Sharing and affirming good practice and finding ways to encourage innovative and creative thinking are essential aims of the conference. The adult literacy, language and numeracy field is well placed to engage with issues of social inclusion. Innovative programs are pivotal in raising awareness and supporting action around wellbeing, social connection and networks. Programs working with accredited and non-accredited curriculum have the challenges of providing opportunities for second chance learners to develop understanding and deal with finances, health, civics and the law to fully participate in society.

We would like presentation proposals that include or reflect:

- Innovative approaches to facilitate learning
- Creative learning partnerships with other providers, business or schools
- ‘Greening learning’, - ways of implementing ‘green’ education and making our classrooms greener
- Successful approaches to learning in the community
- Approaches to deal with diversity in learning styles and needs
- Other areas of good practice, resources and programs

The conference will again provide an opportunity for practitioners to engage in professional conversations and be inspired and energized in a collegial environment. Practitioners will be motivated to explore new ideas and effective approaches to deal with diverse learner cohorts and create sustainable learning environments. The conference program will focus on the practical and applied ways of teaching and enhancing learning through stimulating workshop activities.

Practitioners, researchers, program managers, project participants and policy analysts working in the field of adult literacy, language and numeracy or involved in ACE and TAFE are invited to submit a presentation proposal for the **‘I learn ... YOU learn ... WE learn’** VALBEC 2010 conference.

The proposed presentation will:

- Be interactive and/or ‘hands on’
- Demonstrate effective practice with ‘take-aways’
- Exemplify adult learning principles and teaching methodologies
- Display creativity, innovation and flexibility
- Stimulate thought and discussion on relevant issues, theory and practice
- Critique changes in state and federal government policies and priorities

First time presenters

This year we are offering first time presenters the option of mentor support to develop a conference proposal and then guidance preparing the presentation and assistance on the day. Please contact conf@valbec.org.au and a VALBEC committee person will be allocated to you.

Formats for the presentations will include:

- Research or project papers
- Interactive practical workshops
- Panels of up to 4 speakers

Workshops/Presentations will be of 60 or 50 minutes duration.

Copyright of individual workshops presented at the 2010 VALBEC conference remains with the respective author/s. However, VALBEC reserves the right to publish papers, record presentations and distribute information about these workshops for teaching and research purposes in Fine Print or on the website.

The proposal form can be completed on the conference website www.valbec.org.au

There is no fee for presenters who only attend for their session.

Presenters who wish to attend the conference pay a reduced fee of \$110 (two thirds of the normal member fee). There is a limit of two presenters per session at this reduced fee.

Proposals should be submitted by **March 24, 2010**

Presenters will be notified by **April 1, 2010** of their inclusion in the Conference program.

For further information

Contact Don MacDowall, Conference Organiser

Email conf@valbec.org.au

Phone 03 9546 6892

VALBEC, Box 861, Springvale South VIC 3172

**Pre-conference
Workshops**

There will be four sessions in the Thursday afternoon pre-conference program that will have a focus on practical classroom activities.

Please indicate if you are not able to present as part of the Thursday June 3 program, between 3.00pm and 5.15pm.

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Call for Presentations

First name			
Surname			
Organisation			
Postal address			
Town		Postcode	
Phone			
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Email			
Title of proposed presentation			
Additional presenters (if any)			
Outline of workshop (100-150 words) for Conference brochure. (May be edited to suit space requirements.)			
Preferred session length	<input type="checkbox"/> 50 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> 60 minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> Either option
Preferred date	<input type="checkbox"/> Thu June 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Fri June 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Either date
Preferred seating arrangements (cannot be guaranteed)			
Short biographical statement for the introduction of your workshop (May be included in Conference brochure and program and edited for space)			
AV requirements	<input type="checkbox"/> Whiteboard		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Overhead projector		
	<input type="checkbox"/> DVD player		
	Datashow projector required? <input type="checkbox"/> I will bring my files on a memory stick and use the William Angliss laptop and data show projector <input type="checkbox"/> I will use my own laptop and will connect to William Angliss datashow projector on the day <input type="checkbox"/> I will use my own DSP and laptop and set up independent of the William Angliss system		
Other information			

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