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Committee News

1. Join us at the launch of 'A Fuller Sense of Self' - stories told by adult literacy students

The committee is delighted to announce the launch of A Fuller Sense of Self, a collection of stories told by adult literacy students, describing their life and learning written by Tricia Bowen. This project was an initiative as part of a broader Participatory Action Research project funded through ACFE. We have asked Beverley Campbell to launch this book as part of Adult Learners Week celebrations at the Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre. People attending the launch will receive a copy of the book and a printable version will be made available on the VALBEC website. You're invited to join us

Thursday 8th September - International Literacy Day

4.30 - 6.30 pm at Glenroy Neighbourhood Learning Centre, 5B Cromwell Street Glenroy 3046

RSVP: info@valbec.org.au by Monday 5th September

Professional Development

2. Sharing Good Practice Road Show

We plan to take some of the workshops to regional centres in the Spring. If you are interested in hosting a workshop in your town or regional city contact the committee.

We are hoping to offer the ACSF and a Numeracy workshop.

3. ACAL Conference Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths

Registrations are flowing in with strong interest from all states and New Zealand.

Session selection is about to be offered - more this shortly.

Conference Tue 27 to Wed 28 Sept 2011, Pre-conference forum Mon 26 Sept 2011) at Victoria University City Flinders Campus.

Program details are available atwww.valbec.org.au/2011conf/

Other information

4. Writing competition

The National Year of Reading 2012 is conducting a writing competition as part of Adult Learners' Week 2011 (ALW). Published writers will have the opportunity to win a \$3,000 cash prize for their work, and unpublished writers, \$1,000. The judges will be looking for stories that excite, inspire and challenge audiences. Twenty-one stories (12 from published authors, 9 from unpublished) will be chosen as winners, and these will be announced during ALW 2011. More details

5. VicTESOL ESL Conference 2011 August 26th and 27th

Reclaiming the territory - Language and learning

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Wharf, Melbourne

Registration and the full program (closes 15th August)

Questions about the registration process

Registration for non-members automatically includes a year's membership of VicTESOL.

Employment opportunities

6. ESL/LLN trainer

Red Cross is looking for a skilled ESL/LLN trainer who can work with Asylum seeker clients; has knowledge of LLN assessment tools and can apply them for various levels; can design an appropriate program with support; start date late Sept - approx 8 hours per week based in West Melbourne.

Email <u>mchantagit@redcross.org.au</u> for more information.

ACFE, ACE, RTO and TAFE managers can post adult literacy, language and numeracy practitioner job ads in vale. Send your request (50 words limit) to info@valbec.org.au by the 26th of the month.

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