



NATIONAL FOUNDATION SKILLS STRATEGY PROJECT

***Advancing the National
Strategy - what can we achieve
together?***

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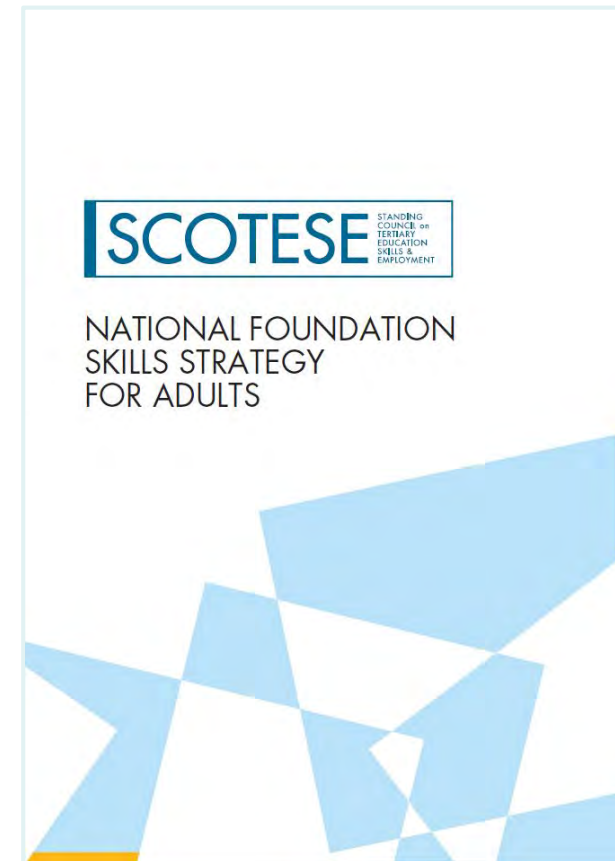
Session overview

- ▶ National Foundation Skills Strategy
- ▶ NFSS Project history and purpose
- ▶ Project resources, outcomes and evaluation
- ▶ What now? What next?

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National Foundation Skills Strategy for Adults

- ▶ By 2022, at least two thirds of working age Australians will have the literacy and numeracy skills needed to take full advantage of opportunities afforded by the new economy.
- ▶ Literacy and numeracy skills at level 3 or above (on scale from OECD Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey)





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National actions

Four priority areas for action:

1. Raising awareness and commitment to action
2. Adult learners have high quality learning opportunities and outcomes
3. Strengthening foundation skills in the workplace
4. Building the capacity of the education and training workforces to deliver foundation skills

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Funded activity

- ▶ Foundation Skills Workforce Development Project 2013
 - ▶ Workshops
 - ▶ Workforce development projects
 - ▶ Practitioner Champions Network
 - ▶ Scoping professional standards
 - ▶ Stakeholder engagement
- ▶ National Foundation Skills Strategy Project 2014-15
 - ▶ Practitioner Community of Practice
 - ▶ Workplace Champions Pilot
 - ▶ Scoping professional standards
 - ▶ Ongoing stakeholder engagement – e-newsletter

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Professional practice

Exploring options for developing professional standards:

- ▶ Qualifications Stocktake
- ▶ Who is delivering foundation skills? NCVET Data Analysis
- ▶ Stories from the Field
- ▶ Focus Group Notes and Quotes
- ▶ Final report and recommendations

<http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/skills/national-foundation-skills-strategy-project>

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Community of Practice

- ▶ 16 members from diverse education and training environments
- ▶ Using existing connections and 'ripple effect' to spread messages
- ▶ Evaluation revealed wide and extensive reach

Resources on project website:

<http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/skills/national-foundation-skills-strategy-project/outcomes-of-community-of-practice-small-scale-projects>

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Workplace Champions Pilot

- ▶ Seven Workplace Champions appointed in an honorary role as public ambassadors
- ▶ Presentations, informal networking, case studies, video

<http://www.ideasthatwork.com.au/what-works-for-lln/video-library/tag/manager>

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Evaluation

- ▶ Recommendations for future funded activity:
 - ▶ Continue professional practice research to resolve issues around professional standards framework design and use
 - ▶ Redefine purpose, membership and approach for Community of Practice to align with objectives and goals of the Strategy
 - ▶ Refine Workplace Champions nomination process and provide structured support and resources to Champions to enable more focused employer networking
 - ▶ Establish strategic focus for the NFSS project – covering one, some, or all of the Strategy’s priority action areas
 - ▶ Draw on results of biannual review to inform future planning.



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What now? What next?

- ▶ Where is progress being made against the Strategy? Where are the gaps?
- ▶ What is happening at State and local level that supports the priority actions?
- ▶ How can we better share what we do and what we know?