The conference is organised by the Australian Council of Deans of Education Vocational Education Group (ACDEVEG) in partnership with the School of Education, University of Technology Sydney and Sydney TAFE. It is the second ACDEVEG annual conference – the first very successful conference was held in Melbourne in 2015.

This is an important forum for VET practitioners, teacher educators, researchers and policy makers to share knowledge and work collaboratively to strengthen teaching and learning experiences and outcomes in the VET sector.

Who should attend?

- Teachers from TAFE Institutes and RTOs
- Teachers and trainers from Universities, TAFE Institutes, RTOs and other organisations involved in the initial education and professional development of VET teachers
- Researchers from universities, TAFE Institutes, RTOs and research organisations involved in research on VET teaching, pedagogy and related areas
- CEOs and Managers from TAFE Institutes and RTOs.
Conference structure

8 December [2 pm – 5 pm] at the Sydney TAFE campus
This part of the conference will be practitioner-driven and focus on VET teaching and training practice. Participants will be invited to engage in small group practitioner-led ‘round tables’ focussed on:

• Collaboratively ‘problem solving’ a specific issue that is salient for many VET teachers and trainers in their everyday work; or
• Presenting a teaching and training innovation that has been implemented or is planned, and inviting feedback from professional colleagues as ‘critical friends’

A call for expressions of interest to lead round-tables will be announced soon.

9 December [9 am – 4 pm] at the University of Technology Sydney
This part of the conference include key note presentations research paper sessions, related to VET teaching and training.

A call for papers will be announced soon.

2 keynote speakers confirmed:

Prof Stephen Kemmis (Charles Sturt University) will share his research on the professional practice and knowledge of teachers.

Berwyn Clayton will share her insights on some of the ‘disconnects’ between research, policy and teaching practices in the VET sector.

Other invited speakers will be announced as they are confirmed.

Email acdeveg2016@uts.edu.au to be placed on the mailing list for further announcements.

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