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1. ACAL Conference - Registrations now open

http://www.astmanagement.com.au/qcal8/registration.htm Member rates apply to financial members of ACAL or QCAL

Call for Abstracts – abstracts due by 10 June

Expressions of interest can be made online at http://www.astmanagement.com.au/qcal8/qcal_abstract.asp

Re keynote speakers:

- Noyona Chanda, Assistant Director and Head of Numeracy, LLU+ at London South Bank University.
- Hermine Scheeres, Associate Professor, Faculty of Education, University of Technology, Sydney. Currently researching health literacy & communication.
- Michael Balfour, Professor and Chair, Applied and Social Theatre, Griffith University. Currently involved in pilot projects developing arts-based work with multi-ethnic groups of refugees.
- Colleen Mitrow, Principal, Southside Education Centre, providing access to education for young mainly indigenous women between the ages of 12 and 24 years, whose lives have been marked by trauma and disadvantage.

We are working on the Pre-Conference Forum which will focus on Social Inclusion – watch this space for more information.

We would like to hear from anyone wishing to sponsor speakers, or the Ginibi (Black Swan) Dancers (from Southside Education), or individual attendance at the

conference.

All Conference information http://www.astmanagement.com.au/qcal8/Background.htm

2. Next Literacy Live - "The VALBEC History Project"

Tuesday, June 3 at 8pm (AEST) • Free and at your own computer Beverley Campbell

VALBEC was established in 1978 as a professional organisation. Its journal Fine Print began publication soon afterwards in 1979. Through their presence, VALBEC and Fine Print have been both a mirror to the adult literacy field, reflecting trends and changes, at the same time as they have helped to shape those trends through professional development activities and the many articles published. Bev Campbell's presentation gives an overview of the VALBEC History Project, through a close analysis of thirty years of Fine Print. Her presentation will explore the struggles and tensions surrounding some of the policy, pedagogical and professional changes in the adult literacy field in Victoria in the last thirty years. Presenter: Dr Beverley Campbell has been involved in education for thirty-five years, twenty-five of those in adult literacy education. In that time she held positions as community co-ordinator with Glenroy Adult Literacy Program (1984-89), co-ordinator with the CATALPA Project (1990-92), lecturer at La Trobe University (1992-96) and state coordinator of the adult literacy research network (1994-99). She is a past president of VALBEC (1988-91) and a former member of the Adult Community and Further Education Board, completing her doctoral thesis in 2004.

Details of this session and how to participate at http://www.acal.edu.au/litlive.htm

3. Expressions of interest for contract teaching positions in remote Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory

Charles Darwin University has been contracted to deliver the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme (LLNP) in a number of Indigenous communities in the Central Desert region and the Top End. Positions will be offered for a period of three months initially with the potential for extension.

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4. State and territory news

4.1 Northern Territory

ACAL workshops in Darwin and Alice Springs - June 26 and June 27 More details and registration at http://www.acal.edu.au/NTsessions/index.htm 4.2 Western Australia

The annual conference - 'Adults Only' - will be held on 17 & 18 July at eCentral TAFE campus. For the first time in several years the conference will be held over

two days. ALLS will feature as a keynote presentation and we have also invited Dr Rob McCormack. WAALC is working on a sponsorship package to engage corporate sponsors.

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