

Taking the Lead E-newsletter

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Welcome to Taking the Lead, the one-stop shop for information and advice on developing core language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills in the service industries.

This site provides information to help RTOs and employers, including online PD for trainers and assessors, case studies showing how employers and employees benefit from training that supports and develops LLN skills, LLN tips giving comprehensive advice on how to improve LLN; a searchable resource directory of LLN resources, and the latest news and events on LLN training services and funding opportunities.

Latest News

[Employability skills framework—Invitation to attend public consultations—Aug 2011- *New*](#)

Ithaca Group has been contracted by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to develop a framework that will build upon existing frameworks to more clearly define the underpinning skills needed for successful participation in work.

[The National VET Equity Advisory Council \(NVEAC\) Blueprint 2011-2016—July 2011](#)

The National VET Equity Advisory Council (NVEAC) advises Ministers on VET reforms to achieve better outcomes for disadvantaged students. The NVEAC Equity Blueprint has now been endorsed by Ministers.

[OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies](#)

Following on from the 2006 ALLS survey that promoted the wave of foundation skill review...

Australian LLN Reports and Resources

NEW reports and resources are regularly sourced to the directory.

[What it takes 2011](#)

What it Takes focuses on what can be done in training programs to make sure they help Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander learners with language, literacy and numeracy issues succeed in their learning experience and achieve their educational and employment potential.

International LLN Reports and Resources

[Aboriginal literacy and the importance of unlearning—2011 \(Can\)](#)

Allan Quigley argues that current measures of literacy are arbitrary criteria that are biased against Aboriginal people and suggests a review of what constitutes skills for literacy and how these are tested. Read this paper in conjunction with findings of the Aboriginal Adult Literacy Assessment Tool.

[Aboriginal adult literacy assessment tool. Sashatchewan ALLAT Provincial Results—2011 \(Can\)](#)

The Saskatchewan Aboriginal Literacy Network gives the findings of the Aboriginal Adult Literacy Assessment Tool project. The project authors argued that the 2003 IALSS did not accurately portray the literacy skills of Aboriginal adults. They devised and tested an alternative culturally and linguistically relevant assessment tool.

[Doing business together: Adult education and business partnering to build a qualified workforce—2011 \(US\)](#)

The results of a CAAL project designed to stimulate more and effective business involvement in planning for and providing basic and workforce skills to current and potential workers.

[Human Resources and Skills Development HRSD \(Can\)](#)

'Essential Skills' or Foundation Skills, a Canadian government website that provides tools and resources.

[Red Seal Essential Skills Tool \(Can\)](#)

The website provides information on essential skills/ foundation skills for a number of trades in Canada eg automotive, carpenter, electrician, cook, hairdressing, mechanic, machinist, plumber...

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Events 2011

[Australia](#)

[2011 National Literacy and Numeracy Week](#)

29 August— 3 September

[2011 Indigenous Literacy Day](#)

7 September — Help to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions.

[2011 ACAL Conference *Register now*](#)

26-28 September - *Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths*, Melbourne.

[2011 National Skills Week—*New*](#)

1-8 October

[WELL Practitioner Conference](#)

17-18 November Sydney—more details to follow

International

[2011 International Literacy Day](#)

8 September — On this day each year United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) reminds the international community of the status of literacy and adult learning globally.

Taking the Lead is seeking your contribution

If you have LLN resources, products, or know of an upcoming event or LLN Latest News that you would like included on *Taking the Lead* website and in the next e-newsletter, please contact [Taking the Lead](#)