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## Welcome, Latest News

### Review of Australian Core Skills Framework—January 2011

The Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations will fund two projects which will review and improve the Australian Core Skills Framework.

### NVEAC to present Equity Blueprint 2011-2016 to MCTEE— Jan 2011

NVEAC will present its Equity Blueprint 2011-2016: 'Creating Futures: Achieving Potential through VET' to MCTEE for endorsement in March 2011.

### Foundation Skills and Streamlining— December 2010

The NQC has now endorsed a new design model for Training Packages which includes strengthened focus on foundation skills.

### Australian Council for Adult Literacy (ACAL) January 2011

Call for Papers—ACAL has called for expressions of interest to present at its annual conference in Melbourne 27-28 September 2011.

## NEW LLN Reports and Resources

NEW reports and resources are regularly sourced to the directory.

### Skill (mis) matches and over-education of younger workers

Younger workers, particularly those entering the workforce at ages 25-34 years, are more education than ever before according to NCVET.

### The quality of teaching in VET

The report adds to a growing body of research on the changing nature of VET and specifically on the qualifications and future needs of the VET workforce.

## International LLN Reports and Resources

### How much do educational outcomes matter in OECD countries?

This report shows that cognitive skills can account for growth differences within the OECD, whereas a range of economic institutions and quantitative measures of tertiary education cannot.

### Employability Success (Can)

Using skills to find a job and keep a job. This is an eight module curriculum designed to enhance and improve students 'soft' employability skills.

### Adult Literacy Development and Economic Growth (US)

This report analyses literacy, earnings and employment data from the first five years of the Longitudinal Study of Adult Learning (LSAL). The report examines the relationship between changes in literacy proficiency and earnings in detail.

### Adult Basic Education Connections: A manual for integrating ABE into career pathways (US)

As the US labour market continues to shift to jobs requiring at least some post secondary education, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners are exploring ways to prepare adults to obtain and succeed in such jobs.

### Engaging young people, young adults in literacy, numeracy and numeracy skill develop (NZ)

This report aims to identify the factors that influence the engagement of young adults in literacy and numeracy skills development programs. The summary contains critical information for anyone working with young adults.

## Events 2011

### Australia



**2011 ACAL Conference—**  
26-28 September - *Literacy on the Map: Common Visions, Different Paths*, Melbourne.

**2011 ALEA National Conference**  
8-10 July – Multiliterate, Multicultural, Multifaceted , Melbourne.

**2011 National Literacy and Numeracy Week**  
28 August– 3 September 2011

**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.

### International

### 2011 Workplace Literacy & Essential Skills Conference

27-29 June—Embedding practice, preparing providers. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

### 2011 The International Learning Conference

5-8 July – This conference is for any person with an interest in and concern for education at any of its levels—from childhood, to schools, to higher education and lifelong learning in any of its sites, from home to school to university to the workplace. University of Mauritius, Mauritius.

### 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.

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