

# 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.

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## 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. You have the opportunity to provide feedback. **Closing date 18 March 2011.**

### [\\$400K toolbox funding to support sustainability and LLN—February 2011](#)

\$400,000 of funding and support from the Australian Flexible Learning Framework, registered training organisations will develop five (5) new Flexible Toolboxes to support training in sustainable work practices and language, literacy and numeracy (LLN).

## NEW LLN Reports and Resources

NEW reports and resources are regularly sourced to the directory.

### [Time for National Renewal: Australian adult literacy and numeracy as 'foundation skills'](#)

In response to DEEWR, National Foundation Skills Strategy Paper considers adult literacy and numeracy dimensions of what is needed in the policy renewal in an article first published in 'Literacy and Numeracy Studies' (a UTS publication) Vol 18 No 2 2010. The article includes a section on integrating literacy and numeracy in the delivery of VET courses.

### [Diggin' in! - Addressing LLN in the resources and infrastructure industry](#)

This resource is a guide for teachers, trainers and assessors who deliver training from the RIIO9 Resources and Infrastructure Industry Training Package.

### [Five Good Reasons](#)

Core skills - reading, writing, speaking and listening, along with understanding and using numbers effectively (numeracy) - are linked to many work activities, particularly learning and communicating. In fast-moving, technological societies in Australia, these skills are becoming increasingly complex.

## International LLN Reports and Resources

### [Survival literacy training for non-native English speaking workers \(US\)](#)

This paper (explores the options for addressing the specific challenges to developing the literacy and limited English skills of non-native-English speakers. Discussion includes the characteristics of non-native English speaking workers, the levels of English language literacy required in the workplace and the best methods of delivering training.

### [Partnering with employers to promote job advancement for low-skill individuals \(US\)](#)

This report explores the reasons why partnerships are important for improving economic outcomes for both low skill workers and businesses. It identifies the factors that have hindered the growth of these partnerships as well as promising approaches to build partnerships.

### [Building career ladders for the working poor through literacy training \(US\)](#)

This report looks at characteristics of the working poor in the US. It focuses on the literacy requirements of occupations in growth industries and the barriers these requirements pose to upward mobility.

### [Study to identify how literacy levels have developed over time: final report \(UK\)](#)

This report investigates the feasibility of designing a robust model capable of measuring how much literacy skills levels have developed in Northern Ireland since the international Adult Literacy Survey in 1996.

## Events 2011

### [Australia](#)

[2011 ACAL Conference—Key note speakers announced...](#)



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 NZ VET Research Forum](#)

27-28 April— This is NZ largest event dedicated specifically to research on aspects of VET.

### [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.

## 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](#)