

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

[DEEWR National Foundation Skills Strategy for Adults](#) feedback closing date extended to **Friday 6 May 2011**

Australian LLN Reports and Resources

NEW reports and resources are regularly sourced to the directory.

[Remote power and water: Essential service training for Aboriginal communities—2011](#)

Coming soon... UEE21310 Certificate II in Remote area essential services is soon to have its own Workplace English Language and Literacy (WELL) resource...

[No More Excuses—ISCs call for action on adult literacy skills— 2011](#)

Almost half of Australia's working age do not have the reading, writing or numeracy skills to participate effectively in the type of training required for trade or professional jobs. As a result, between 7 and 8 million Australians are in danger of being confined to low-wage jobs with little prospect of improvement.

[Five Good Reasons— 2010](#)

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.

[Assessment Tasks for the Australian Core Skills Framework \(ACSF\) - 2010](#)

This bank of ACSF assessment tasks has been developed for assessors who are experienced LLN practitioners and have a working knowledge of the ACSF. The bank includes assessment tasks for levels 1-3 of the ACSF, a user guide that describes how to use the tasks and a report form.

International LLN Reports and Resources

[A literature review of international adult literacy policies 2011 \(UK\)](#)

The National Adult Literacy Agency (UK) has released A Literature Review of International Adult Literacy Policies report that summarises and discusses research on adult literacy policies and initiatives in Australia (from 1990-2010), Canada, England, Finland, New Zealand, Scotland, Sweden and USA over a number of years.

[Numeracy counts: NIACE committee of inquiry on Adult Numeracy Learning 2011 \(UK\) Final Report](#)

Being numerate and understanding when and where to use maths is a vital part of being able to function as citizens, parents, employers or employees and entrepreneurs. This report makes it clear that having a successful approach to numeracy is of fundamental importance to the UK economy and sets out a package of recommendations.

[Making it all add up—business priorities for numeracy and maths 2010 \(UK\)](#)

Discussions on why employers want employees to be numerate and what numeracy skills matter most. Numeracy and maths in workplace contexts are described and recommendations to achieve business outcomes.

[Literacy Language and Numeracy Starter Kits 2010 \(UK\)](#)

Themed starter kits have been developed to support providers new to literacy, language and numeracy (LLN) to access guidance and resources to develop their provision. These kits will also be useful to existing providers who want to consolidate and update their knowledge and continue to develop their LLN practice.

Events 2011

Australia

[2011 ACAL Conference—](#)

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

[2011 Sharing Good Practice](#)

20 May William Angliss Institute, Melbourne

[2011 ALEA National Conference](#)

8–10 July — Multiliterate, Multicultural, Multifaceted , Melbourne.

[2011 Indigenous Forces at Work Conference](#)

19-21 July Alice Springs

[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.

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.