

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

[Putting Skills at the heart of the economy conference 2011—July 2011](#)

Skills Australia and Industry Skills Council joint conference—The focus of this conference is to present an economic perspective on skills in terms of the 3 'P' - Productivity, Population and Participation, debunk some of the myths and misinformation about skills as well as showcase how employers are dealing with skills issues in their work.

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

[Literacy and numeracy at work. Skills, education and job tasks 2011 \(NZ\)](#)

Using the ALLS data to look at the use of literacy and numeracy skills at work, and how this relates to the skills and education of employees. Financial literacy, skills mismatches and barriers to further LLN training are discussed.

[AB Sea—Basic Skills for the Fishing Industry 2010 \(Ire\)](#)

Focusing on identifying the specific literacy, language and numeracy needs of the fishing community in West Galway, Ireland, this resource describes the research methodology, and reviews the literature on LLN and the fishing industry. It also summarises the data gathered from interviews, and the outcomes of the pilot programs.

[Removing barriers to literacy 2011 \(UK\)](#)

This report summaries the results of a survey of best practices for literacy teaching that may help learners from disadvantaged backgrounds to achieve good standards of literacy.

[Evaluation of Level 3 \(UK\)](#)

This 2011 UK report from the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) presents the findings of an evaluation of the impacts of the vocational courses on attitudinal, learning and job related outcomes. Literacy, language and numeracy are mentioned throughout.

[Cloud computing: What is cloud computing and why is it important for Adult Literacy? \(Can\)](#)

The 2011 Canadian report examines how cloud computing (an emerging technology) can support adult literacy learning. The report includes a literature review on cloud computing, the role of technology in literacy, and the characteristics of adult literacy in Canada.

Events 2011

Australia

[Registrations are Now Open—Strong and Necessary Steps to improve productivity, quality and compliance—July 2011](#)

[2011 Skills Australia & ISC Conference—Putting skills at the heart of the economy](#)

21 July 2011, 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.

[2011 ACAL Conference](#)

[Registrations are now open](#)

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

International

[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.