

ACE in the WEST

Policy

Initiatives

Innovations

Issues

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ACE - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Overview of ACE in WA Department of Education and Training

- ***ACE Advisory Committee since 1995***
- ***Resources***
- ***Profile***
- ***Policy – WA ACE Strategy***

ACE & EQUITY

- ***Flexibility of ACE***
- ***Engage adult learners***
- ***Target groups***
- ***Build pathways***
- ***Highlighted in funding programs***

WA ACE Strategy 2003 - 2008

Definition

Goals

Initiatives

WA ACE Strategy Definition

*Non-accredited learning programs that take place in
a community setting*

Accessible
Supportive
Non-competitive
Learner/community driven
Inclusive
Diverse

WA ACE Strategy Goals

National Goals for ACE

- ***Expand and sustain***
- ***Raise awareness***
- ***Improve quality***
- ***Extend participation***

WA Goals

- ***Build capacity of providers***
- ***Cross-government support***
- ***Raise public awareness***
- ***ACE identity***
- ***Communication and PD***
- ***Pathways – ACE to further ed***
- ***Increase diversity of learners***
- ***Community development through ACE***

WA ACE Strategy Initiatives

Making Connections Conference
Adult Learners' Week
Strategic Partnerships
Small Grants
Pave the Way
ACE to VET

Making Connections Conference

- ***Biennial***
- ***Steering committee of ACE providers***
- ***Low cost, subsidised***
- ***Themes –***
 - 2003 – ACE the Heart of Learning
 - 2005 – ACE is for Everyone
 - 2007 -??.....
- ***Two day conference***
- ***Speakers and workshops***

ADULT LEARNERS' WEEK

- ***Steering committee of stakeholders***
- ***Matched funds DEST – DET***
- ***ACE focus***
- ***Media and promotions***
- ***Grants***
 - Local Activity
 - Community Event
- ***Awards***
 - Reviewed annually
 - Awards presentation event

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- ***ACE Advisory Committee***
 - TAFEWA
 - Community and Neighbourhood Learning Centres (LCL)
 - Telecentres
 - Local Government
 - ALA
 - Target Groups (seniors, people with a disability, rural)
- ***Learning Centre Link***

SMALL GRANTS

- ***Annual grant program since 2001***
- ***To increase participation***
- ***Target groups***
- ***\$8000 max per project***
- ***Total \$125 000 per year***

PAVE THE WAY

- ***Australians Working Together funds 2003 – 2005***
- ***Non-accredited programs***
- ***Connections between ACE and VET***
- ***Collaboration/ Steering Committees***
- ***\$40 000 max per project***

ACE TO VET

- ***Skills recognition model***
- ***Encourage pathways into VET***
- ***TAFE to TAFE in computing skills***
- ***Mapping of competencies/content***
- ***Portfolio of evidence***
- ***PD and support for lecturers***
- ***Outcomes***

ISSUES FOR ACE

National trends

- ***COAG agenda***
- ***State differences***

Data collection

- ***linked to funding***
- ***qualitative/quantitative***

Identification

- ***breadth, diversity of sector***
- ***common purpose***

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DISCUSSION

- ***Comparisons between WA and Tasmania***
- ***Future Directions***