



Adult Learners' Week



Learners' week opens doors for new skills

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Hundreds of events, workshops and open days have been planned to provide learning and skilling opportunities for adult learners across Australia.

Event coordinators at community colleges, learning centres, neighbourhood houses, community halls, libraries, museums and art galleries are preparing to open their doors to the wider community; and share their knowledge and skills.

Adult Learners' Week takes place in more than 40 countries around the world and has been coordinated nationally by Adult Learning Australia (ALA) every year since 1995. This is an excellent opportunity for organisations that offer any type of adult learning activity to promote their courses and programs; and for learners to gain new skills during the week of 1-8 September.

"This brilliant world wide initiative has given much of the Australian community the chance to be publicly recognised for activities that lend support to the growth of skills and health of communities. The critical support provided by the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) to Adult Learners' Week is very much appreciated by our adult learning communities."

"Lifelong learning has many benefits and could contribute to increased life expectancy, social and economic productivity; and enhance an individual's employability."

"I would urge all Australian adults and employers to participate in and celebrate their learning activities during this week", said ALA CEO, Peter Peterson.

For more information about Adult Learners Week visit www.adultlearnersweek.org or phone 1300 I LEARN for the cost of a local call from anywhere in Australia.

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