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About Adult Learners' Week 2019

Sunday 1st to 8th September 2019

[Adult Learners' Week](#) is celebrated annually with hundreds of [events and activities](#) taking place across Australia, highlighting the benefits of learning while educating about the many adult learning options available.

A quick look at any adult education programme will show courses that increase people's competence, confidence, self-sufficiency and general well-being. In purely economic terms this means that people are more productive because they are healthier, motivated and more skilled.

Adult education classes provide people with opportunities for social interaction, networking, collaboration and sharing, all of which help the health of the economy and of society in general. They are also an effective gateway to further education and training.

What are you waiting for?

The theme of Adult Learners Week 2019 is 'What are you waiting for?', as a strong call to action for adults across Australia to discover the benefits of all types of learning on their lives and their communities.

Many people, of all ages, have found that re-engaging with learning through Australia's adult and community education sector can be the gateway to lifelong learning, helping to create and maintain a positive attitude to learning both for personal and professional development.

Lifelong learning can enhance people's understanding of the world around them and provide opportunities to improve their quality of life. There are many different ways of learning, and for many adults, this will be outside what are regarded as traditional educational institutions.

Adult Learners' Week 2019 is the perfect time for people to explore the spectrum of learning options available; from informal to formal education and learn about the benefits of lifelong on confidence, connection to communities, ongoing mental health and wellbeing. #WhatAreYouWaitingFor

Adult Learners' Week 2019 Scholarships

Three #ALW2019 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding adult learners to enable them to continue learning either by taking a new learning pathway or continue an existing one. Adult learning providers are invited to nominate adult learners who are changing the trajectory of their lives through adult learning.

Nominations close on Saturday 31 August 2019.

Adult Learners' Week in Australia

Adult Learners' Week in Australia is part of an international festival of adult learning that takes place in over 55 countries. It is supported by the Commonwealth Department of Education and Training and is coordinated nationally by [Adult Learning Australia](#), the national peak body for Adult and Community Education in Australia. Each state and territory also supports their own Adult Learners' Week activities.

Media opportunities

For 2019, Adult Learning Australia has a number of expert spokespeople and case studies who demonstrate the life-changing impact that adult education can have on people's lives. Please direct all media enquires to Sarah Boykett on 0403 193 146 or email sarahboykett@gmail.com.



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