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1. Invitation to participate in NCALNE research project (NZ)

John Benseman, Associate Professor, Department of Education at Unitec Institute of Technology has a long-standing interest in research into the field of adult literacy and numeracy.

John is undertaking research into the experiences and subsequent career paths of people who have participated in the two National Certificates in Adult Literacy and Numeracy (both Educator and Vocational Tutor qualifications).

If you have participated in these qualifications and would like to be part of this research please complete this short questionnaire: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H8KQ046.

For more information on this study contact John at jbenseman@unitec.ac.nz or go here.

2. The Kaupapa Māori Wellbeing Assessment Model – Hei Ara Ako ki te Oranga (NZ)

Hei Ara Ako ki te Oranga is a collaboration between Literacy Aotearoa and Te Wāhanga, NZCER. A kaupapa Māori assessment model has been developed that demonstrates the link between literacy learning and wellbeing for Māori learners. It addresses the need of Māori literacy providers for relevant and appropriate assessment models of wellbeing for Māori, and it complements the Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Tool for Adults. This resource was published by Ako Aotearoa.

- Hei Ara Ako ki te Oranga
3. Resources for adult literacy and numeracy tutor training (Aus)

This set of facilitator guides and participant workbooks are written for Australian tutors undertaking the TAE80110 qualification (Vocational Graduate Diploma of Language, Literacy and Numeracy Leadership). Topics include: Research and implement new adult language, literacy and numeracy practices; formulate workplace strategy for adult language, literacy and numeracy skill development; design programs to develop adult language, literacy and numeracy skills; initiate, develop and evaluate adult language, literacy and numeracy resources, design, implement and evaluate an adult language, literacy and numeracy professional development program. A collection of online resources accompanies the guides and workbooks.

- Facilitator guides and participant workbooks
- Knowledge Bank (readings and resources)

4. Second ACER National Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Conference (9-10 May 2013. The Sydney Institute, Sydney, Australia)

The theme of the second Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Assessment Conference is building on evidence to improve skills. The conference aims to bring together evidence-based research, with industry and training perspectives in order to share and discuss issues around the assessment of LLN, and implications for effective vocational and workplace education and training. A series of practical half-day pre-conference workshops will be held on May 9.

- Register for the ACER National LLN Assessment conference
- Video highlights of the 2012 ACER LLN Assessment Conference

5. Adult Literacy Practitioners Association (ALPA) Conference 2013 (23 - 26 May 2013. Massey University, Wellington, NZ)

The theme of this year's ALPA conference is The Practitioner's Voice: Power and Practice. This conference will incorporate the following strands:

- Identifying and/or influencing sector discourses
- Adult literacy learner advocacy
- Adult Literacy practitioner education and career paths
- Collaborative learning

Registrations are now open and programme information is available online.

- ALPA 2013 Conference (information and registration form)

6. ACAL 2013: Local Practices Global Contexts (30 September - 2 October, 2013. Aerial UTS Function Centre, Sydney, Australia)

ACAL 2013 focuses on three areas: the PIAAC findings; the influence of large scale surveys on national adult literacy and numeracy policy and the content and delivery of local programmes; and understanding the cultural and linguistic diversity of adult learners. ACAL is calling for presentation proposals and expressions of interest from people wishing to attend the conference.

- ACAL 2013 (Conference information and proposals)
Feedback

Thank you so much to those of you who give us feedback about Literacy Works. We really enjoy hearing from you and try to respond to your questions and suggestions. Feedback may be sent to me at scloud@workbase.org.nz

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