

Seminar Series 2019-20

‘Learning Changes Lives’ - Adult learning in the Australian context

Presenter: Jenny Macaffer, Chief Executive Officer, Adult Learning Australia

Friday 18 October 2019, 12:00 – 14:00, St. Andrews Building, Room 337

About Jenny

Jenny is the CEO of Adult Learning Australia, a not-for-profit national peak body committed to ensuring that all Australians can access the benefits of lifelong and life-wide learning. She is passionate about adult learning and the way it can transform lives. Her approach to work and life is based on working together with others for social change to make a more just, sustainable and peaceful world. Jenny has served on government ministerial advisory committees covering a wide range of social justice issues. More recently she has been appointed to the Commonwealth Government’s VET Stakeholder Panel.



Prior to her current role, Jenny worked for many years in social policy and community planning within local government, supporting and strengthening community resilience and capacity within local communities. She is keen to explore her own learning journey, share and gain knowledge with others and connect across international boundaries. Jenny is also an active member of her local community garden group, a long-time contributor to the Human Rights Arts and Film Festival and an ad hoc musician playing uke in a community band. She has worked with remote communities in Timor Leste and Papua New Guinea and is a founding member of the first Aboriginal Gathering Place in the state of Victoria, funded under Closing the Gap program.

About the seminar

Adult education is transformative and can break the cycle of disadvantage. Through education people can develop the skills and knowledge they need to engage in meaningful work; to participate fully as a citizen in a vibrant democracy; to live in harmony in a diverse, multicultural and rapidly changing society; to manage their health and wellbeing and live fulfilled and meaningful lives.

This session will consider how Adult Learning Australia works across a broad socio-geo-political landscape to enable individuals and communities, especially the most disadvantaged in our society, to have opportunities to learn and foster the skills they need to engage and participate fully in their communities and the economy.

Adult Learning Australia has a wide membership within the adult and community education sector and is preparing to celebrate 60-years in 2020.

All are welcome. A sandwich lunch and tea and coffee will be available.

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