

# *The Getting Of Wisdom*

## Learning In Later Life: International Exchange & Conferences

*A Unique Collaboration Between Researchers In Europe, Australia & New Zealand*



One week Exchange, Southern mid-summer **12-18 Feb 2017**,

Including **three one day international conferences**:

- ***Learning in later life diverse contexts*** (Ballarat, Australia) 14 Feb, 2017.
- ***Learning in later life and social inequalities*** (Melbourne, Australia) 15 Feb 2017.
- ***Learning, empowerment and identity in later life*** (Wellington, New Zealand) 16 Feb 2017.
- *Those registering for the **full exchange program** will participate in all 3 conferences, stay 3 nights in Ballarat (Australia) and 3 nights in Wellington (NZ), participate in one day study tours of community-based older adult education and experience Indigenous welcomes, as well as cultural and social programs in both countries.*
- *Supported by Adult Learning Australia (ALA), Federation University Australia, ACE Aotearoa & ELOA (Education & Learning by Older Adults) Network of ESREA (European Society for Research into the Education of Adults).*
- *The Exchange Event and Conferences will include other invited Sponsors and supporting organisations.*

### INQUIRIES, EXCHANGE & CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

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## ESREA

European Society for Research on the Education of Adults

Learning in later life is a relatively new and exciting field of research,

and becoming increasingly relevant internationally. The two nations hosting the European exchange, (Australia and New Zealand/Aotearoa), have only relatively recently begun to acknowledge, celebrate and learn from their rich, diverse and vibrant Indigenous and European ways of being and knowing after centuries of very recent and often painful colonisation.



The Irish playwright, George Bernard Shaw wrote that “We are made wise not by the recollection of our past, but by the responsibility for our future.”

We have taken the *Getting of Wisdom* theme for this international exchange of people, researchers, policy makers, practitioners and ideas from opposite sides of the globe. Our aim is to acknowledge, share, listen to and learn from the accumulated wisdom of older people and researchers in the field to help secure and shape our diverse but interconnected futures.

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Conference presenters have the option of submitting papers that are peer reviewed, published in the *Conference Proceedings*. A selection of these papers to be published in the highly regarded *Australian Journal of Adult Learning* (AJAL) in a special, guest-edited November 2017 edition themed around older adult learning.



**Call for presentations, papers and participant registration will commence in June 2016.**

**It will be mid summer in the Southern Hemisphere: you will also experience a very warm welcome to our unique and diverse countries and learning cultures.**