



2018 YEAR OF LIFELONG LEARNING

FROM IDEAL TO REAL

We believe in equality of opportunity. We also believe that people have a right to accessible and affordable education throughout their lives.

Lifelong learning fosters prosperity, social inclusion, health and wellbeing, and creates a richer more engaged society.

That's the ideal.

But inequality, disadvantage and poverty is on the rise. Intergenerational unemployment, widening disparities between rural and regional Australia, and increasing inequality all suggest the reality is a long way from the ideal.

Our Summit aims to right that imbalance and put lifelong learning centre stage.

Outcomes from our Summit will be incorporated into a paper to be presented to the Federal Government later this year.

NATIONAL LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMIT

17 APRIL 2018

KEYNOTES

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Sandy Morrison

President – International Council of Adult Education

Learning from the chameleon

Explores how lifelong learning policies play out across the globe and how uncritical application can contribute to widening inequality.

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Tony Dreise

Indigenous Scholar – Australian National University

A gaping hole in the nation's heart: Why Australia needs a national lifelong learning policy now

Explores how our country is overlooking the single biggest reason why we are not 'competitive' enough – social inequity.

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NATIONAL LIFELONG LEARNING SUMMIT AGENDA

8:45 – 9:00 am

REGISTRATION (TEA | COFFEE)

9:00 – 9:10 am

TRADITIONAL WELCOME

Welcome to Country – Elder, Ron Jones, Wurundjeri Tribe

9:10 – 9:15 am

INTRODUCTION

Jenny Macaffer – CEO, Adult Learning Australia

9:15 – 9:35 am

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Sandy Morrison – President, International Council of Adult Education; Associate Professor, University of Waikato

9:35 – 9:55 am

NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Tony Dreise – Indigenous scholar, Australian National University

10:00 – 11:00 am

SESSION 1: PERSPECTIVES ON LIFELONG LEARNING

Facilitator: Sally Thompson, Future Social Service Institute

PANEL

John Falzon – National CEO, St Vincent de Paul Society
Edwina MacDonald – Co-Director Policy & Advocacy, ACOSS
David Crosbie – CEO, Community Council for Australia
Gwilym Croucher – Senior Lecturer, Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education
Michael Taylor – National Policy Manager, Education and Training, Australian Industry Group

DISCUSSION POINTS

What do you see as the essential features of a lifelong learning policy and what would implementation look like in your sector?
What are the obstacles to successful implementation of a lifelong learning policy?
What are the most powerful messages about the benefits of lifelong learning to put to government?

11:00 – 11:15 am

BREAK

11:15 – 12:15 pm

SESSION 2: LIFELONG LEARNING IN ACTION

Facilitator: Dr Tracey Ollis, Deakin University

PANEL

Maureen McConnell – EO, Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association
Sue McKerracher – CEO, Australian Library and Information Association
Bruce McKenzie – former Chair, TAFE Directors Australia
Chris McCall – President, Adult Learning Australia
Cr Mary Lalios – Board, Australian Local Government Association

DISCUSSION POINTS

How would a lifelong learning policy deal with the assumption that everyone is ready and able to learn throughout their lives?
How can we get lifelong learning into the public's awareness and the consciousness of senior policy-makers and other influential opinion leaders?
How do we put lifelong learning on the agenda when the political debate is dominated by formal education and training?

12:15 – 12:30 pm

OPEN DISCUSSION

Facilitator: Bruce Wilson, RMIT University
How can we build stronger lifelong learning partnerships across government, business and community?
Where do we go from here?

12:30 – 12:45 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Sandy Morrison and Tony Dreise

12:45 – 1:00 pm

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OUR SPEAKERS



SANDY MORRISON

Sandy is the President of **International Council for Adult Education**, and has served as President of Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education. At the University of Waikato, her research focusses on adult education, education for sustainability and the application of indigenous models in addressing social, environmental and developmental issues to improve livelihoods for indigenous peoples and peoples of the Pacific.



EDWINA MACDONALD

Edwina is Co-Director of Policy and Advocacy at the **Australian Council of Social Service**. She has extensive policy experience from the community sector, academia and government in local, national and global contexts. Prior to joining ACOSS, Edwina has led policy reform agendas for Women's Legal Services NSW and Australia, Kingsford Legal Centre and Australian Lawyers for Human Rights; directed research projects at UNSW's Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law; and worked as a policy advisor in federal government.



DAVID CROSBIE

David Crosbie is CEO of the **Community Council for Australia**. He has spent more than 20 years as CEO of significant charities including seven years in his current role, four years as CEO of the Mental Health Council of Australia, seven years as CEO of the Alcohol and other Drugs Council of Australia, and seven years as CEO of Odyssey House Victoria.

TONY DREISE

Tony Dreise is a proud descendent of the Guumilroi and Euahlayi peoples of north-west NSW and south-west Queensland. Tony is an independent consultant who undertakes research; policy analysis; curriculum and resource development; change management; and community planning for government, community, philanthropic and education bodies. He is also an Indigenous Scholar at the **Australian National University**.



JOHN FALZON

Dr John Falzon, Chief Executive of the **St Vincent Paul Society National Council of Australia**, is a social analyst, activist and poet. He has worked in academia, community development, research and advocacy. He has written and spoken widely on the structural causes of inequality in Australia and the collective struggle for social justice and is a regular media commentator.



GWILYM CROUCHER

Dr Gwilym Croucher is a Senior Lecturer in the **Melbourne Centre for the Study of Higher Education** and 2017-18 Fulbright Victorian Post doctoral Scholar for which he was a visiting researcher at the University of California Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy. He has expertise in higher education and research policy and is a regular media commentator on higher education.



SALLY THOMPSON

Sally is an education analyst and leader with a background in adult literacy. She is currently deputy director of the **Future Social Service Institute**. Sally has worked in leadership roles in TAFE, Higher Education and in the not for profit Adult and Community Education sectors.



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BRUCE MACKENZIE

Bruce Mackenzie lead the successful development and implementation of TAFE in Victoria as a separate sector of post compulsory education. He received the public service medal for outstanding services to vocational education. He was a chief executive of **Holmesglen Institute** for 31 years and a founding member of **TAFE Directors Australia**.



CHRISTINE MCCALL

Chris is the President of **Adult Learning Australia**. She has over 25 years' experience in the community sector having been involved in boards of community based organisations and neighbourhood houses. She manages **Yarraville Community Centre** in Victoria that offers adult education programs, youth and disability programs.



MAUREEN MCCONNELL

Maureen has over 30 years experience in the Human Services Sector working with not for profits and local government in Victoria. Past sectors include Respite Services, Family Violence, Emergency Housing, Victims of Crime and Local Government. Maureen was recently appointed as the Executive Officer of the **Australian Neighbourhood Houses and Centres Association**.



BRUCE WILSON

Prof Bruce Wilson is Director of the **European Union Centre at RMIT University** and Co-Director of the **PASCAL International Observatory**. He provides insights to EU-Australian relations and academic studies on the European Union and builds partnerships between Australian universities, businesses and organisations and their European counterparts. He also leads a major research program on comparative regional policy in Europe, Australia and Asia.

SUE MCKERRACHER

Sue McKerracher joined **Australian Library and Information Association** as CEO in 2012, heading up the team based in Canberra, with staff in every state and territory. Before ALIA, Sue ran her own company providing strategic advice and project management to federal, state and local governments, cultural institutions, and universities.



MICHAEL TAYLOR

Michael Taylor develops policy for the **Australian Industry Group**. He also manages national education and training projects, including Industry 4.0 Higher Apprenticeships Project, Strengthening School – Industry STEM Skills Partnerships, Foundation Skills Pilot, Building Employer Commitment to Workplace Literacy, Skilling the Existing Workforce Project, the National Workforce Literacy Project and World Class Skills for World Class Industries.



CR MARY LALIOS

Cr Lalios, is the first woman to be popularly elected as **Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV)**. She is currently a board member of the **Australian Local Government Association (ALGA)**. Cr Lalios has been a City of Whittlesea Councillor since 2005, and has served as Mayor three times.



TRACEY OLLIS

Dr Trace Ollis is Senior Lecturer, Adult Vocational & Applied Learning at **Deakin University**. She is discipline leader of the Applied Learning, Professional Education & Training group in the School of Education. Dr Ollis has published both nationally and internationally in the areas of community development and adult education. She is also the editor of the **Australian Journal of Adult Learning**.



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