

# SMART LEARNING CITIES SPEAKERS



PROFESSOR MICHAEL OSBORNE  
UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

## Keynote Speaker

Michael Osborne is Professor of Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow, and Director of Research in the School of Education. He is also Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning within the School of Education and Co-director of the PASCAL Observatory on Place Management, Social Capital and Lifelong Learning. He was founding convenor of the research and teaching group on Social Justice, Place and Lifelong Learning within the School. He holds a BSc in Chemistry with Mathematics, a PhD in Organic Chemistry and a Cert Ed in Further Education.

One of his main research interests is the development of learning cities and regions. He is closely linked internationally to specialist groups concerned with lifelong learning within Universitas 21 network of research-intensive universities (in particular with projects in Africa and Asia); UNESCO's Institute for Lifelong Learning (UIL) and the Asia Europe Meeting Forum for Lifelong Learning (ASEM LLL Hub). With UIL he has been an adviser in the development of their Global Learning Cities Network, and continues to work closely with UIL in this field through the Learning Cities Network developed within the PASCAL Observatory, which brings cities from all continents together to develop urban learning strategies. He produced the main Briefing Paper for the 2019 4th International Conference on Learning Cities in Medellin.

Professor Osborne has a distinguished record of research, consultancies and publications in the area (see <https://www.gla.ac.uk/schools/education/staff/michaelosborne/>) and has been a mentor and friend of ALCN for many years)

DR ADAM MOWLAM

WYNDHAM CITY COUNCIL



Adam is an accomplished and experienced public servant with over ten years of experience spearheading a range of Wyndham's industry-leading projects. His role involves thinking beyond the now to develop and deliver smart 'beyond the curve' initiatives by fostering a creative and dynamic environment that encourages the creation of new ideas and tests the established thinking. Dr Mowlam, who holds a PhD in Space Geodesy from the University of Melbourne, recently led the development of Wyndham City's very first Smart City Strategy, a blueprint for modernising services and infrastructure, promoting innovation in the community and embedding the use of data-driven decision-making processes. He is particularly interested in smart sensors, drones, holographic computing, big data and digital transformation.

Note: The Wyndham Smart City Strategy 2019-2024, released in June 2019, recently won a prestigious award at the Smart Cities Council Australia New Zealand 2019. Wyndham City has also been accepted as a member the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities.

DIANE TABBAGH

WYNDHAM CITY COUNCIL



An experienced and committed professional with 18 years international experience working in community education, refugee, asylum seeker, migrant and hospital environments.

Diane holds a Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) and a Bachelor of Economics, and has continued her professional development in Community Development, Community Engagement, Change Management, Performance Management, Critical Incident and Debriefing, and a range of Management Workshops.

Diane has worked as Coordinator Learning Community at Wyndham City Council since October 2014, where she has overseen the development and implementation of Wyndham's Learning Community Strategies. Previously she has held a range of roles in local government and hospital settings in the UK, and locally in community-based organisations working with refugee and asylum seekers.



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JENNY MACAFFER

ADULT LEARNING AUSTRALIA

Jenny is the CEO of Adult Learning Australia, a not for profit national peak body for adult and community education (ACE). She advocates for equitable access to lifelong learning, particularly for communities of disadvantage. Jenny has an extensive history of working in the community sector and local government in community development, promoting human rights and social justice.

She is passionate about adult and community education (ACE) and the way it can transform lives. Her tertiary qualifications include the social sciences, community cultural development, the arts and adult learning. She aims to support and strengthen individual and community capacity to be more active, creative, informed and connected and to encourage them to reach their best potential.



JOSE ROBERTO GUEVARA

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Jose Roberto 'Robbie' Guevara is an educator with extensive experience in adult, community and popular education with a focus on education for sustainable development and global citizenship education. He is currently an Associate Professor at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT University), Melbourne, Australia. He is the Vice-President (Asia-Pacific) of the International Council of Adult Education (ICAE) and a Board Member of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) representing the Asia Pacific region. Robbie was inducted into the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in October 2012 for his contribution to adult learning in the Asia-Pacific region.

SALLY EDWARDS

MELTON CITY COUNCIL

Sally is the Coordinator Community Activation & Learning at Melton City Council and is responsible for the effective management of the Community Activation and Learning team and its resources to utilise a City of Learning approach, to deliver on the promise of place-based inclusive learning for all to develop confident, socially connected, participatory lifelong learners equipped to live a full and active life, and contribute to thriving and prosperous communities.

She also leads the development and delivery of Council's learning city planning, policy and programming which provides strategic options for Council and its stakeholders to respond to community need at both the municipal and local neighbourhood level to deliver enhanced outcomes for community in engagement, empowerment, activity, and community learning objectives.

Sally is a learning and development professional with experience across all levels of formal education and community learning. She has been a teacher, trainer, learning designer and has developed award winning programs for VET and universities. She is a passionate, knowledgeable and skilled learning specialist that is committed to the design, development and delivery of quality programs to help people transform their lives and achieve their dream through learning, education and self-efficacy.

With tertiary qualifications in education, business, leadership, management and adult learning, Sally's current passion is in building contemporary learning ecosystems that fully integrate formal, informal and non-formal learning to build communities that leverage place based, learner centric programs to equip individual with the knowledge, tools and skills they need to collaborate, think critically and solve complex challenges to thrive in the modern world.



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DR LEONE WHEELER

EDD, MBIT, BCA

Leone Wheeler has recently taken on the role of Honorary Chair, Australian Learning Community. She is also an Associate of the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University and a Board Member of PASCAL International Observatory. Her Doctor of Education examined the development of a sustainable operational framework through the exploration of learning network models and practices based on case studies of working with Adult, Community and Further Education providers in Northern Melbourne.

She has just returned from five years living in the Middle East (Abu Dhabi and Doha). In Doha she worked as a Research Fellow for Professor Rupert Maclean, former UNESCO Chair of Technical and Vocational Education (TVET) and Sustainable Development, Office of Applied Research & Innovation, College of North Atlantic-Qatar. as a Principal Investigator and Project Manager on a Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) project on Improving and Enriching the Human Capital of Qatar through the Identification and Development of 21st Century Skills for Sustainability and Employability'.

Formerly Program Director, Northern Partnerships for RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia, she undertook research and evaluation and published on learning city developments in Australia and on school-community learning partnerships for sustainability.

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MATHEW WILSON

MELTON CITY COUNCIL

Matt is the Manager Community Planning at Melton City Council and is responsible for leading a number of social policy and planning, community development, lifelong learning, and community infrastructure and program service areas.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts, Post-grad Bachelor of Education, and a Masters of Business Administration. With over 20 years working in growth area local governments, Matt has a broad experience of the challenges in community building and encouraging social cohesion, and appreciation for the role that lifelong learning plays in developing self-determining citizenship.

