



Media release

Adult and Community Education Sector Welcomes Latest Victorian Skills Package

Adult and Community Education Victoria (ACEVIC), Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHVIC), Adult Learning Australia (ALA) and Community Colleges Australia (CCA) have welcomed the recent announcement of the 'Skilling Up Victorians to Get Through COVID19' package by the Victorian Premier, Daniel Andrews and Minister for Training and Skills, Gayle Tierney. This package will provide some certainty for the ACE sector Learn Local RTO organisations in Victoria, until the end of the financial year.

The adult and community education (ACE) sector plays a significant role in positively contributing to the socio-economic status of the state of Victoria. Learn Locals work with Victorians to develop and improve language, literacy, numeracy, employability and digital skills, and offer a range of accredited and pre-accredited training and skills development programs.

ACE providers are at the frontline of local communities when it comes to social connection and wellbeing across the urban, regional and rural areas. They have professional educators who are particularly experienced in working with vulnerable and disadvantaged Victorians.

While our sector is facing unprecedented demands in adjusting to the current environment, including expanding the range of flexible learning delivery models, ACE providers are committed to ensuring that people facing hardship, including newly displaced workers, do not miss out on learning opportunities.

We acknowledge the hard won efforts of Minister Tierney and the Adult Community and Further Education Board to ensure inclusion of the ACE sector in measures to assist individuals and communities through these challenging and uncertain times of the COVID-19 virus.

We look forward to continuing our work alongside the Victorian government, TAFE and AMES, in delivering programs that support Victorians to continue to build the confidence, training and skills needed to create a strong, healthy Victorian community and economy.

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