



The Getting of Wisdom

Learning In Later Life Exchange

Ballarat Conference

Older Learning in diverse contexts

Tuesday, 14 February 2017

Conference Convenors

Dr Helen Weadon & Assoc Prof Annette Foley, Federation University Australia

PROGRAM

- 8.45 am** Registration
- 9.00 am** Tea and coffee
- 9.30 am** Welcome to Country
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Professor John McDonald - Dean of the Faculty of Education and Arts, Federation University, Australia
- 10.00 am** **Older learning in diverse contexts** - Key Note
Alex Withnall, University of Warwick, UK
- 10.20 am** **International perspectives on learning in later life** - Key Note
Brian Findsen, University of Waikato, New Zealand
- 10.40 am** **Indigenous Eldership: For all times** - Key Note
Tony Dreise, Indigenous Scholar, Australian National University, Australia
- Morning tea
- 11.00 am** International papers
- 11.30 pm** **Learning settings for older adults in Portugal: Universities of Third Age undergoing change**
Esmeraldina Maria da Cosa Veloso, University of Minho, Portugal
- Intergenerational exchange of knowledge, skills, values and practices between self-organised active citizens in Maribor, Slovenia**
Sabina Jelenc Krašovec & Marta Gregorčič, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 12.00 noon** Lunch - Choir, Tai Chi or yoga

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1.00 pm

Breakout Session

Warm: the knitting project that engaged older learners in sustainability

Lisa Kendall

BECS

Ballarat East Community Men's Shed

1.30 pm

International Papers

Ageing in Sweden from a Polish senior immigrant perspective

Małgorzata Malec Rawiński, University of Wrocław, Poland

The role of universities in older adult education in Aotearoa New Zealand

Brian Findsen, University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand

2.00 pm

Afternoon tea

2.30 pm

Breakout Session

Service Learning

Probus

Active lives

Ballarat Life Activities Group

3.00 pm

Why bother about learning in later life?

Barry Golding - Federation University Australia, Helen Kimberley - Brotherhood of St Laurence, David Helmers - CEO Australian Men's Shed Association

4.00 pm

Feedback and Reflection

Sue Jackson, Professor Emerita Lifelong Learning and Gender, Birkbeck University of London, UK

4.30 pm

Day One concludes

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A unique collaboration between researchers in Europe, Australia and New Zealand

The Getting of Wisdom is an international exchange of people, researchers, policy makers and 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.

One day conferences

We take four intersecting themes in our attempt to collectively underpin the exchange and better understand the nature and future of learning in later life. The themes are about place, equality, empowerment and identity. We have woven these themes into the three conferences to be held in Australia and New Zealand 2017.

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14 February 2017 – Ballarat, Victoria, Australia

Learning in later life and social inequalities

15 February 2017 – Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

Learning, empowerment and identity in later life

16 February 2017 – Wellington, New Zealand

Registration: <https://ala.asn.au/getting-wisdom-learning-later-life/>

The one week Exchange (12–18 Feb 2017), including three one day conferences, is a unique collaboration between the Education and Learning by Older Adults (ELOA) Network of ESREA (European Society for Research into the Education of Adults); Adult Learning Australia (ALA), the peak adult and community education in Australia; Federation University Australia, and ACE Aotearoa, the peak organisation inclusive of New Zealand's diverse Māori, Pākehā and Pacifica cultures and people.

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