THOUGHT LEADERS

From Policy to Practice

This forum jointly hosted by the TAFE Directors Australia and TDC is for leaders and managers in the VET/TAFE sector.

In this two hour forum, moderated by Denise Stevens, CEO TDC, our speakers will address the complex issues surrounding continuing education for adult learners, particularly in the context of recent policy initiatives in the UK and in Australia. These policy changes include reduction in Government funding for a variety of course areas, an expectation of increased co-contribution by students and the imperative to target accredited and non-accredited training to skills shortages and gaps. How this may impact on access and equity for adult learners and those from marginalised groups is yet to be determined.

An overview of the UK system and policy initiatives will be provided by our international guest speaker – David Hughes, CEO National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education (UK). NIACE works with all sectors of adult education and training, and collaborates with a wide range of national, regional and local agencies to do so. NIACE is particularly interested in cross sectoral work - encouraging colleagues to exchange experience, and develop ideas collaboratively. The sectors in which the Institute is currently working include: Further Education Colleges, Higher Education and Work-based learning. NIACE is a charity, a company limited by guarantee and a member-led, non-governmental organisation.

A comparative analysis of local issues will be provided by Frances Coppolillo, Associate Director, Faculty of Further Education, at Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE. Frances specialises in language, literacy, pre-vocational and youth programs, Transition (school to work) programs and services, industry programs and equity and access issues in education.

A facilitated Q&A session will follow the presentations to encourage lively discussion and debate. This in turn will be followed by networking which is accompanied by refreshments.

DATE
Monday
1 October 2012

TIME
4.30pm – 7pm
Seminar:
4.30pm – 6.30pm
Refreshments:
6.30pm – 7pm

VENUE
Rydges Melbourne
Level 1, 186 Exhibition St
MELBOURNE VIC 3000

COST
Complimentary

RSVP
This event is free to attend, but you must register your attendance with the TDC Event Manager by Monday 24 September 2012
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