

## PROPOSED ITINERARY

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
<b>Saturday 7 November</b>	AM	Fly to London Depart Perth 06:00 Emirates (EK425) *Interstate delegates to meet in Perth 4.00am Saturday at Perth International Airport
	PM	Arrive London 18:15 Emirates (EK003)
<b>Sunday 8 November</b>	AM	Free time
	PM	Free time
<b>Monday 9 November</b>	AM	<p>Travel to <b>Barfield College</b>, Luton</p> <p><i>Principal – Peter Birkett</i></p> <p>Barfield College is the largest college in Bedfordshire and Luton, with state-of the art facilities across four campuses. They also have six Centres of Vocational Excellence and recently became the first further education college to be designated a national Learning and Skills Beacon. A very high performer recognised nationally and internationally.</p> <p>Major attractions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• "Outstanding" College (Ofsted June 2007)</li> <li>• The first GFE Beacon College</li> <li>• The first to sponsor two 11-19 Academies</li> <li>• The first to establish a Studio School</li> <li>• The first UK Skills Champion</li> <li>• Investors in People Champion</li> <li>• Six Centres of Vocational Excellence</li> </ul> <p>Comment from Robin Shreeve "Entrepreneurial College in terms of apprentices and running 'secondary' academies"</p>

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<b>Monday 9 November (continued)</b>	PM	<p><b>London Apprenticeship Company</b> <i>St James Park London</i></p> <p>The London Apprenticeship Company has an exciting vision that will change the conventional view of apprenticeships, making them prominent and respected in the jobs market and models of training excellence across the UK</p> <p>The LAC approach has made employing apprentices a commercially viable and sensible option for businesses of all sizes. Their specialist expertise and unique combination of services enable them to deliver a range of superior apprenticeships, serving the needs of both the employer and the apprentice. They are also London's leading Hospitality College. Their aim is to be the leading provider of apprenticeships in the UK.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for Australian VET to better understand the strengths of the UK apprenticeship system and look for lessons to be learned for inclusion in our own administration and delivery.</p>
	Evening	<p><b>Dinner at Savoy Hotel</b> <i>Michael Quinn, Arkglobal</i></p> <p>The original Ark Foundation was founded in the UK by Michael Quinn MBE an acclaimed and respected chef who at the top of his career was Maitre Chef de Cuisine at The Ritz Hotel, London.</p> <p>Michael had the vision of educating the hospitality industry through awareness seminars on alcohol and drug abuse.</p> <p>Michael began Ark Global to promote awareness to a wider audience and started work delivering seminars in Australia 2008. This was followed by a tour of Scotland early in 2009 and Michael has just returned from a trip which took in New Zealand, Australia and Dubai.</p> <p>Michael has offered to provide a presentation to the group at the World Renowned Savoy Hotel.</p>

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<b>Tuesday 10 November</b>	AM	<p><b>Learning and Skills Network, London</b>  <i>5th Floor, Holborn Centre, 120 Holborn London</i>                  Chief Executive Officer - John Stone</p> <p>As CEO of the Learning and Skills Network, John Stone's key focus is ensuring that the independent organisation delivers on its promise to make a tangible difference to education and training.</p> <p>LSN place learning and development at the heart of everything they do. Their unrivalled 25 years' experience and powerful research base enable them to create cutting-edge training techniques and resources. They're committed to delivering robust learning solutions which will enhance your ability to recruit, retain and motivate employees.</p> <p>Australian VET is striving to create a culture of innovation and self-improvement, LSN's model provides a number of alternative solutions to deliver quality training.</p>
	PM	<p><b>University of London, Kings College</b>                  Strand, London</p> <p><i>Professor Alison Woolf</i></p> <p>Professor Alison Woolf specialises in the relationship between education and the labour market. She has a particular interest in training and skills policy, universities, and the medical workforce.</p> <p>Her highly controversial 2002 book "Does Education Matter?: Myths About Education and Economic Growth" was regarded as a "wake-up call to education policy makers the world over" (<a href="http://www.la-articles.org.uk/eoe.htm">http://www.la-articles.org.uk/eoe.htm</a>)</p> <p>Comment from Robin Shreeve:</p> <p>"For a "mental cold shower" on what is wrong with the Skills System in the UK (and Australia) see Professor Alison Woolf at Kings College. She is a provocative and controversial thinker in this area."</p>

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<b>Wednesday 11 November</b>	AM	<p>Travel by train to Middlesbrough            Depart London: 9.00am            Arrive Middlesbrough: 12.30pm (arrangements to be confirmed)</p>
	PM	<p><b>Middlesbrough College</b></p> <p>Middlesbrough College offers an exciting and diverse learning environment for the people of Middlesbrough, the Tees Valley, and beyond.</p> <p>The College's mission is to <i>"provide excellent opportunities to encourage and support learners in achieving their full potential"</i>.</p> <p>Middlesbrough College is committed to delivering in the UK 14-19 education agenda and extending and widening participation for the whole community. They are a key component of education, training, leisure, culture and lifestyle for the people of Middlesbrough. In their facilities at Middlehaven, Middlesbrough College provides high-quality training services for the people of Middlesbrough and the Tees Valley in catering, music, theatre, sports, computing, business, engineering, construction, and much more. Their first-class facilities, opened in September 2008, are located close to the centre of Middlesbrough with good bus and rail links to most areas.</p> <p>The College is committed to supporting a sustainable future. They are a partner in Middlesbrough Environment City and an active participant in Middlesbrough's Climate Change Community Action Plan. The latter aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect Middlesbrough against adverse weather events, whilst improving the quality of life in Middlesbrough through job creation, health protection, boosting the local economy and protecting the environment.</p>

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<b>Thursday 12 November</b>	AM	<p>Travel by train to Edinburgh            Depart: 9.00am            Arrive: 11:45 (arrangements to be confirmed)</p>
	PM	<p><b>Adam Smith College</b>  <i>Fyfe</i>  <i>Principal and Chief Executive Dr Craig Thomson</i></p> <p>Craig presented a keynote address <i>"Transforming Lives, Transforming Scotland"</i> at the TDA Convention in Melbourne in 2007.</p> <p>Adam Smith College is a relatively new organisation which was launched in 2005 from the merger of Glenrothes College and Fife College, the College is the third largest in Scotland.</p> <p>The College, located in Fife, has a strong presence in the community with five main campuses, in Kirkcaldy, Glenrothes and Leven, as well as local learning centres.</p> <p>They offer a wide range of courses in a variety of subject areas including; engineering and science, computing, hair and beauty, business and management, construction, sports and tourism, education and care studies and creative industries. Adam Smith caters for welcome students of all ages and backgrounds, offering the complete training package.</p>
	Evening	<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Roundtable presentation by Scotland's VET Principals and CEO's on the status of the <i>"Building a Better Scotland"</i> Strategy</p> <p>Venue to be confirmed</p>

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<b>Friday 13 November</b>	AM	<p><b>Telford College, Edinburgh</b></p> <p>Edinburgh's Telford College recently replaced its existing four campuses with a single, custom-built complex that is be one of the largest in Edinburgh's new Waterfront development. Construction on the 70 million pounds (M\$A170) project brought the College on to a single site in the heart of the community of North Edinburgh, which it has served since 1968. The building was completed in 2006.</p> <p>This flagship, purpose-built College caters for over 20,000 students and nearly 600 staff and brings the latest developments in teaching and educational technology to the city.</p> <p>The college has developed a Green Transport Plan to reduce the amount of car usage by staff and students through encouraging the use of public transport, including the proposed new tram system , car sharing and cycling.</p> <p>Telford College is a radical approach to College design using learning streets, rather than classrooms, no corridors, very few offices virtual learning environment, wireless internet, laptops for most staff, interactive whiteboards and using the latest technology. By eliminating corridors there has been and estimated space/cost saving of 25%. The College embraces passive systems of heating, lighting and ventilation in conjunction with traditional systems. The interior design utilises polished concrete ceiling, minimally obtrusive lighting, and removable floor access panels for future developments.</p> <p>The radical approach to design, technology, layout and provision of utilities is a high risk strategy throughout which may well become for other institutions in the future.</p>
	PM	Free Time
<b>Saturday 14 November</b>	AM	Free time
	PM	Free time

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<b>Sunday 15 November</b>	AM	Travel by air to Birmingham Depart Edinburgh: 9.00am Arrive Birmingham: 10.15am
	PM	Free time
<b>Monday 16 November</b>	AM	<p><b>Birmingham Matthew Boulton College</b> <i>Jennens Road, Birmingham</i> <i>Principal and Chief Executive – Christine Braddock CBE</i></p> <p>The 'Fusion' of these two prestigious colleges can be described as something new created by a mixture of qualities, ideas and experiences: bringing together first-class teaching, guidance and facilities which both colleges offer into one spectacular and bold learning experience.</p> <p>This latest chapter of the Colleges' history brings about changes to enable the oldest provider of Further Education in the City to join a learning institution has a long history of success. The vision is to create a high quality further and higher education college in central and north Birmingham that will deliver outstanding learning opportunities for young people, adults and employers. The proposed merger and long standing strategic partnership has demonstrated many benefits.</p>
	PM	Would appreciate ideas from Martin Doel

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<b>Tuesday 17 November</b>	All Day	<p><b>Conference hosted by Association of Colleges UK</b> <i>CEO Martin Doel OBE</i></p> <p><i>New Realities, New Solutions</i></p> <p>This will be AoC's 14th Annual Conference, taking place once again at the International Convention Centre in Birmingham. Befitting the theme– New Realities: New Solutions – the event will focus on the development of ideas, tangible solutions and best practice strategies in rapidly changing circumstances economically, organisationally and politically.</p> <p>Collaborative working with other sectors and partners will be a key theme, therefore we are encouraging attendance by local authorities, employers, higher education institutions, and private learning providers.</p> <p>As usual the conference programme will feature keynote speeches and breakout sessions on best practice, policy, problem solving and opportunities for professional development. The exhibition will be bigger than ever with around 100 exhibiting organisations and featuring more student skills showcases. Back by popular demand will be the AoC Awards Ceremony and the Gala Dinner, a regular highlight for over 900 dinner guests. Once again the conference will enjoy representation from the three main political parties with platform speeches or interviews with Rt Hon Ed Balls MP, Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families, David Willetts MP, Shadow Minister for Universities and Skills and Rt Hon Nick Clegg MP, Leader of the Liberal Democrats. We are also hopeful that Lord Mandelson will speak at the Conference, as well as Kevin Brennan MP, the new Minister of State for Further Education.</p>
	Evening	<p><b>Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Hosted by Jeff Gunningham and Welsh VET Principals and CEO's.</i></p> <p>Jeff Gunningham is currently Principal of Swansea College in Wales. Jeff has significant VET experience in Western Australia, Victoria and UAE.</p>

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	Eve	Conference dinner
<b>Thursday 19 November</b>	All day	<b>Conference</b> <i>New Realities, New Solutions</i>
<b>Friday 20 November</b>	AM	Travel by train to London Depart Birmingham: 8.00am Arrive London: 9.45am
	PM	Travel to Australia Depart Heathrow 13.45 Emirates (EK002)
<b>Saturday 21 November</b>	AM	Travel
	PM	Arrive Perth 17.10 Emirates
<b>Sunday 22 November</b>	AM	Travel to home city
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