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DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Saturday 7 November	AM	<p>Fly to London</p> <p>Delegates to contact David Russell, Travel Consultant Tel: (61) 3. 9802 6186 Fax: (61) 3. 9803 2519 Mob: 04.1111.7514 drtravel@optusnet.com.au</p>
	PM	Arrive London
Sunday 8 November	AM	Free time
	PM	Delegates to meet for final arrangements of itinerary
Monday 9 November	AM	<p>Travel to Barnfield College, York Street Campus, York Street, Luton ,Bedfordshire LU2 0EZ Tel: 01582 569 843 <i>Principal – Peter Birkett</i></p> <p>Barnfield 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"> • "Outstanding" College (Ofsted June 2007) • The first GFE Beacon College • The first to sponsor two 11-19 Academies • The first to establish a Studio School • The first UK Skills Champion • Investors in People Champion • Six Centres of Vocational Excellence <p>Comment from Robin Shreeve "Entrepreneurial College in terms of apprentices and running `secondary' academies"</p> <p>Sandwich lunch and depart</p>

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<p>Monday 9 November (continued)</p>	<p>3 pm tbc</p>	<p>London Apprenticeship Company, c/o Westminster Kingsway College, St James Park Centre, Castle Lane, London SW1E 6DR</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>
	<p>8.00pm</p>	<p>Dinner at nominated Hotel in London where delegation is staying <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. 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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Tuesday 10 November	9am	Delegates to meet with Martin Doel, Chief Executive, and Pat Bacon (tbc), AoC President and Principal St Helens College, in small boardroom at AoC, 2-5 Stedham Place London WC1A 1HU. Map attached.
	10am	Walk .8 mile, 15 minutes www.walkit.com or taxi to LSN
	10.30am	Meeting secured with John Stone, Chief Executive, and Bill Malcolm, International Director
		<p>Learning and Skills Network, <i>5th Floor, Holborn Centre, 120 Holborn London EC1N 2AD</i></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>
	1.30pm	Sandwich lunch and depart.
	PM	<p>University of London, Kings College 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</p>

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		<p>medical workforce. 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" (http://www.la-articles.org.uk/eoe.htm) Comment from Robin Shreeve: "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>
Wednesday 11 November	8.45 am	Taxi to Kings Cross Station
	9.30 am	<p>Travel by train Kings Cross arrives Durham Depart London: 9.30am Arrive Durham: 12.32pm (arrangements to be confirmed by Wayne)</p>
	12.45pm	Taxi (20 minutes drive) to City of Sunderland College
	1.15pm	<p>Meet with Angela O'Donoghue, Principal and Chief Executive, City of Sunderland College, Shiny Row Centre, Success Road, Philadelphia, Houghton Le Spring, Tyne & Wear, DH4 4TL</p> <p>Tour of different sites with speech by Principal Areas of expertise include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitality, Catering and Cleaning • Construction • Health and Social Care • Manufacturing and Business Improvement • Retail • Adult Maths and English training • Contact Centre • Business Support, Management and Information Technology

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Thursday 12 November	AM	Travel by train to Edinburgh Depart Durham: 9.13am Arrive Edinburgh: 11:02
	PM	<p>Adam Smith College, Fyfe <i>Principal and Chief Executive Dr Craig Thomson http://www.adamsmithcollege.ac.uk</i> <i>45 minute drive from Edinburgh</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>
	8.00pm	<p>Dinner</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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Friday 13 November	AM	<p>Edinburgh's Telford College, 350 West Granton Road, Edinburgh EH5 1QE Tel: 0131 559 4000</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
Saturday 14 November	AM	Free time
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Sunday 15 November	AM	Travel by air to Birmingham Depart Edinburgh: 9.00am Arrive Birmingham: 10.15am
	PM	Free time
Monday 16 November	AM	Birmingham Metropolitan (Matthew Boulton) College <i>Jennens Road, Birmingham</i> <i>Principal and Chief Executive – Christine Braddock CBE cbraddock@sutcol.ac.uk</i> 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. 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.
	2.00 pm	Meeting with AEI Brussels Commission staff. AEI to arrange meeting room with Radisson Birmingham Hotel. (emailed Shane Samuelson DEEWR 9/9/09)
	8.00pm	CEO Dinner at Edgbaston

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<p>Tuesday 17 November</p>	<p>All Day</p>	<p>Conference hosted by Association of Colleges UK , at the International Convention Centre, 70 Broad Street, Birmingham, B1 2HT Tel: 0121 200 2000 www.theicc.co.uk Get directions</p> <p><i>CEO Martin Doel OBE, PA Kathy English</i></p> <p><i>New Realities, New Solutions</i> 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.</p> <p>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>
	<p>8.00pm</p>	<p>Dinner</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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Wednesday 18 November	All day	AoC Conference <i>New Realities, New Solutions</i>
	8.00pm	Conference drinks reception and black tie, gala dinner
Thursday 19 November		
	AM	AoC Conference <i>New Realities, New Solutions</i>
Friday 20 November		
	AM	Travel by train to London Euston Depart Birmingham New Street: 09.10 am Arrive London Euston: 10.34 am Taxi to Paddington National Rail Station Heathrow Express towards Heathrow – total journey time from Euston 40 minutes
	PM	Travel arrangements to be negotiated Delegates to contact David Russell, Travel Consultant Tel: (61) 3. 9802 6186 Fax: (61) 3. 9803 2519 Mob: 04.1111.7514 drtravel@optusnet.com.au
Saturday 21 November		
	AM	Travel
	PM	Travel
Sunday 22 November		
	AM	Travel to home city
	PM	