Sharing knowledge through the Foundation Skills Community of Practice

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Priority 4

- Building the capacity of the education and training workforces to deliver foundation skills
2014-15 Foundation Skills Community of Practice

- 16 members from diverse education and training environments
- Formed in 2013 as the Foundation Skills Practitioner Champions Network
- Using existing connections and ‘ripple effect’ to spread messages
- Evaluation revealed wide and extensive reach of Network
- Conducting small-scale projects in 2014-15
Industry-tailored workshops

- Hydrocarbon Assessor Network – face-to-face workshop focusing on:
  - Identification of foundation skills needed to work safely
  - Foundation skills business risk assessment
  - VET products and resources to support foundation skills strengthening

- Webinars for automotive teachers and trainers working with apprentices and pre-apprentices, focusing on:
  - Foundation skills demands in an automotive workplace
  - Introduction to AutoGames learning resource
  - Introduction to AutoStart learner resource

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Tasmanian PD workshop series

► Professional development for VET and LLN/foundation skills practitioners to explore and reflect on models of working together.

► Opportunity for practitioners to think about how they could assist learners to strengthen their foundation skills during their enrolment in vocational training.

► PD covered three topic areas:
  ► Foundation Skills Strategy for Adults and the Community of Practice
  ► Exploring the Foundation Skills Training Package
  ► Collaborating to support learners’ foundation skills

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Preparing for integrated delivery

► Riverina TAFE professional development for VET teachers
► Implementation of Smart and Skilled Reforms in VET for NSW
  ► Moving from free to fee
  ► Cultural and financial shifts
  ► Workforce capability development to build skills and resilience
  ► Building and strengthening partnerships for growth
► Forming communities of practice across NSW

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Delivery practice videos and case studies

► Aim to showcase current examples of the implementation of foundation skills training

► Four videos and case studies developed in draft format showing practitioners working in four different training areas with different learner cohorts

► Final product available from NFSS website

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NT practitioner network

- Professional development workshops
- Creation of Moodle site hosted by Batchelor Institute
- Encouraging sharing of resources
- Aiming for sustainable networking solutions

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Numeracy teaching resources

- Creating numeracy resources for lower level language learners
  - Examining existing numeracy teaching resources for numeracy at ACSF levels 2 and 3
- Adapting resources to suit lower level language learners
- Including examples from a variety of vocational contexts
- Using workshop-based approach to development
- Inviting practitioners to share resources that may be suitable for adaption

- Completion by end May 2015

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Networking via social media

- Sharing and connecting via Facebook and Twitter
- Building connections between COP members and with the broader practitioner community

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Building on our Foundations!

ALL Foundation Skills (LLN and Employability Skills) Practitioners, network online for great professional development!

Look Sushi! There's Flipper - you already know Flipper from our Facebook Group and Twitter #FSTeach chats.

Yes! Hi Flipper - great to meet you "live".

Great to see you guys. The Fb Group and #FSTeach chats are lifesavers for me! It can be very lonely teaching out here in the islands.

Terrific for us on campus too Flipper so many great ideas and links shared.

FS Soc Network 1

Cartoon built using: http://www.toondoo.com/
Personal/Professional Learning Network (PLN)

- previously based around people that we met face-to-face or communicated with by phone or letter
- online communication and social media -> immense expansion in potential for learning through networks
Do you use Facebook?
https://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/q1nRWM4hz9nf8CY

Do you use Twitter?
https://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/vxfRWsBar0juB1y
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- Use posts and comments to discuss ideas and issues in Foundation Skills delivery
- Seek feedback and reflect on activities
- Share and find resources, links and information about Foundation Skills
- Ask those “just-in-time” questions when we need help with ideas, activities, resources
- Have real time discussions (using Twitter chats) on “hot topics” that can be archived for later access
- Gain the experience to meet our students on their own “home” e-ground
Facebook

► If you are already on Facebook then visit and join the FS Teach Group or type: http://bit.ly/FSTeachGroup

► If you are already on Twitter then follow me @JoHart and tweet me with the hash tag #FSTeach

► If you are not yet on Facebook and/or Twitter visit Online social networks for PD and networking or type http://bit.ly/SocNetForPD for info on signing up.
2014-15 National Foundation Skills Strategy Project

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