Take charge of your own learning and connect with other LLN and VET Professionals:

Using social media for informal professional development

A workshop presented by Andrea Rivett & Lesley Cioccarelli at NALLNAC 2015
Typical Teacher Network

(Couros, A.)
The networked teacher - our PLNs

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LLN skills for employment and education

ABOUT

This group is for teachers/trainers of language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills for employment and/or educational purposes.

Please join and recommend this page to share resources, ask advice, share industry news and connect with people in similar vocational areas.

This group can help develop your digital personal learning network and increase exposure to informal professional development.
I am looking for some professional development for our staff around learning difficulties. We often have students who have literacy lag or perhaps can't read or write at all in their own language. I'd like to know if anyone has a contact or recommendation for a person / people to run a PD session. I know it's not an easy area to teach along with students who have lots of other learners. My staff are very good at teaching though.

Andrea Riley Rivett Sue we had an internal specialist deliver a Disability Awareness Training (we have a Disability Employment Services stream in our organisation). From this, the LLN trainers decided which area was more relevant regarding their current students and we then had an internal Disability trainer deliver an accredited unit.

Lesley Cioccarelli Sue, like Andrea we generally use internal staff with specific expertise.

Sue Valdeck Elt Thanks Lesley Cioccarelli I'll follow this up. It's great to have such a good Facebook network!

Sue Valdeck Elt Yes, I be used this group before for primary school learning but thanks for the reminder Andrea Riley Rivett this is definitely worth me following up.
FS Teach is a group for Foundation Skills (LLN and Employability Skills) practitioners. Start up is funded under the National Foundation Skills Strategy Project. The purpose is to enable practitioners to come together and help one another through sharing and discussion. The focus is mainly on working with adults but anyone with an interest in Foundation Skills is welcome!

Please join in! Share resources, links and ideas. Comment and discuss.
Probably many of you are already familiar with the UK BBC Skillswise website - I have used videos, activities, games and worksheets from this site for many years. They do have a specific Job Skills section as well as the English and Maths [http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/job-skills](http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise/job-skills) Of course the resources are not mapped to our ACSF levels, however they can be quite useful. Would love to hear if other people have used these and how/in what context. Also if you have any good sites to share please tell us about them.

**Tina Berghella** Yes, I worked my way through all the numeracy games while I was working on a project with AutoSkillsAustralia to develop LLN learning games for school kids and automotive pre apprentices. The resource is called AutoGames and is freely available at [http://asalearninghub.com.au](http://asalearninghub.com.au). You might also be interested in the other foundation skills resource on the same site called AutoStart targeting automotive apprentices.
GROUPS and PAGES
Adult Learning Australia and Australian Council of Adult Literacy have developed a language, literacy and numeracy educators' network. This network is designed to help support literacy tutors, teachers and administrators.
New Australian Report out on maths in the workplace

A new report has been released by the Office of the Chief Scientist about the importance and complexity of maths/numeracy in the workplace and its disconnect with maths in the school classroom. I was on the reference group and it was interesting observing school maths folk discovering what we have known in the VET sector for quite a long time. Here is a link to the press release from the Chief Scientist:

Melissa Scates

Much of the gap may also relate to a lack of literacy and communication skills. These are needed in order to understand communications and contexts around the mathematical problem. An ability to investigate, interpret and research and pose questions is critical in many situations that have a numeracy aspect within them. The maths alone will never be enough to address...all problems have a context nd in the workplace these can be very complex. It has also been known in literacy circles for a very long time that people do not transfer "worksheet" learning to real life situations well. Teachers and trainers need to move away from the worksheet and text book a little and become story-tellers and place learning within a context. This is how real learning happens. Through this you will have a better chance of enhancing vocabulary, literacy and communication skills.
Groups...

- LLN Australia
  - Discussions
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  - Jobs
  - About
  - Search
  - 300 members

- National Adult Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Conference
  - 239 members

- AWPN Inc
  - [ The Australian Workplace Practitioners’ Network ]
  - 204 members

Join the group to receive daily or weekly activity updates.

Note: Content in an open group is visible to all LinkedIn visitors and is indexed for search.
LLN and engagement - hear Ros Bauer discuss her challenges and successes

Ros was the 2013 Australian Training Awards Winner – Excellence in Adult Language Literacy Numeracy Practice. If you haven't heard Ros share and talk about her challenges and successes before, come to NALLNAC and listen to her...

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Want to learn more about foundation skills (including LLN) assessment? Join us to learn from the experts.

AWPN National Conference 2015 & FSAT; Assessing LLN skills
awpn.com.au • What is the Foundation Skills Assessment Tool (FSAT)?
Adult literacy and gaming

This paper explores some research around incorporating gaming into adult literacy education –
http://www.llsc.on.ca/sites/default/files/Gamification%20and%20Adult%20Literacy.pdf

Great read! Thanks for sharing Catherine

Here’s something for our Western Australian members........
The State Library of WA is hosting a live video stream of the inaugural Australian Learning Lecture being delivered by renowned British educationalist, Sir Michael Barber direct from the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.... more
Learn to use social media to connect, learn and share with colleagues at NALLNAC 2015

If you are new to social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and/or using it for professional development, come along to the workshop Andrea Rivett and I are presenting at NALLNAC on 14 May in Adelaide. We will introduce you to how you can “Take charge of your own learning and connect with other LLN and VET Professionals: Using social media for informal professional development.” If you are already using social media, please come along and share your experiences!

David (Dave) Tout
Thanks Lesley - this sounds like a great workshop. Thanks for offering the sessions and I hope people will go along and listen and share their experiences too. It’s an area I need to know lots more about myself, so if I am not presenting at that time I’ll try to pop along.

Lesley Cioccarelli
Thanks Dave.
Yes, Andrea and I are hoping that it is a sharing session - there's always something new to learn and discover in this area, and personal experiences are what makes it seem real, and essential, for novices who have yet to connect online.
Hope you can make it. I'll see you in your workshop on Wednesday too.
Twitter - handles, hashtags and...

@ is used for names, or handles,
   @andrea_rivett   @cioccas   @acereduau

# is used for
   topics       #AdultLiteracy
   keywords     #LLN
   groups       #FSteach
   chats        #ELTchat
   events       #NALLNAC

RT is for ReTweet
Twitter - a community

Lesley @cioccas · May 5
Terrific article on why teachers use /should use Twitter for PD and some tips on getting started #FSteach

Edudemic @Edudemic
Teachers: Embrace Twitter for Professional Development by @dscavitto bit.ly/1GVHuju Updated post and link!

Andrea Rivett @andrea_rivett · Apr 19
Love this from @langwitches: There is no PLN, if no one shares or steps up to participate. #AusELT #FSteach

JoHart @JoHart · Apr 3
Has a variety of vocationally oriented resources with embedded LLN rwp.excellencegateway.org.uk/Embedded%20Lea… #FSteach
Twitter - a community

Tina Berghella @TinaBerghella · Apr 3
@TV3Ireland series on literacy and numeracy follows adult learners tv3.ie/3player/show/1… #FSTeach

Lina Zampichelli @micky_lina · Mar 30
Foundation Skills Videos | Innovation & Business Skills Australia ibsa.org.au/videos#.VRj5f5… #FSTeach

JoHart @JoHart · Mar 19
March edition of the National Foundation Skills Strategy Newsletter now out. To subscribe visit statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/nfss #FSTeach #FSTeac
Twitter - a conversation

1
Lesley @ciocca5  ·  Sep 3
Listening to Julia Miller talk about devt. of the fabulous English for Uni website: adelaide.edu.au/english-for-uni... at UNSW Canberra #AusELT

2
Lesley @ciocca5  ·  Sep 3
@English_for_Uni also has a blog where learners can ask & answer questions: english-for-uni.blogspot.com.au #AusELT

3
English for Uni @english_for_uni  ·  Sep 5
@ciocca5  Thanks Lesley!

4
English for Uni retweeted you  ·  Sep 5
Sep 3: @English_for_Uni also has a blog where learners can ask & answer questions: english-for-uni.blogspot.com.au #AusELT
#AusELT chat summary: “Professional development – that’s what I want!” (3rd July 2014)

What a lively chat about professional development! @cioccas posted some questions for us to think about before the chat and then structured the chat around these. This was a great idea because we could formulate some answers before the chat and this made it easier to post (copy and paste our pre-written ideas) and took the stress off us to constantly type (well, at least that’s what I did!) The questions and issues we discussed are below, and the main comments are summarised.
Twitter # hashtags

Live Twitter feeds:

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https://twitter.com/hashtag/FSteach
http://twubs.com/fsteach

#NALLNAC
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#adultliteracy
https://twitter.com/hashtag/adultliteracy
Following others is a beginning. Tweeting each other is progress. Learning together is success.

Inspired by Henry Ford and My PLN.
What else can teachers do by connecting online?

- Raise awareness
- Start conversations
- Find answers
- Join partners
- Change minds
- Make a difference
- Take action
- Drive change

Technology is a tool, not the learning outcome.

Adapted from: http://www.teachthought.com/technology/the-right-and-wrong-way-to-use-technology-for-learning/?scid=social22179684
But I don’t have time for this!
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Great group work everyone #AUSELT

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