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Funding for E-learning Innovation

Registered training organisations and their partners are invited to apply for funding from \$10,000 - \$25,000 to implement innovative e-learning solutions for businesses and learners.

Guidelines, which provide information about the Program and the criteria, are available at:

www.flexiblelearning.net.au/flx/go/home/States_and_Territories/TAS

The Application form that must be used when applying is also available from this site.

Applications close on Thursday, 5 March 2009 at 5 pm.

If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Dunbabin on (03) 6233 8487 or jennifer.dunbabin@skills.tas.gov.au.

Want to know more about applying for E-learning Innovation funding?

Attend one of our Information Sessions. We will answer questions such as:

- What's this all about?
- Where does this money come from?
- Are we eligible to apply?
- What would increase our chances?
- What's involved in running a project?
- What would be expected of us?
- How would we benefit?

And any other questions you might have.

Details regarding the information sessions are as follows:

Hobart, Rydges Hotel
Tuesday, 3 February (9.30am – 1pm)

Launceston, The Tramsheds
Thursday, 5 February (9.30am – 1pm)

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Registrations are essential. Please register online at: www.emania.org

Dates for your Diary

- 3 Feb Funding for E-learning Innovation info session (Hobart)
- 4 Feb **Trainer & Assessor Professional Development workshop (Hobart) Postponed until 2 April**
- 5 Feb Funding for E-learning Innovation info session (Launceston)
- 17, 19, 24 Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service info sessions: Devonport – 17, Launceston – 19, Hobart – 24
- 5 Mar Funding for E-learning Innovation (applications close)
- 26 Mar Tasmanian Private Provider Network – first meeting (Hobart)
- 2 Apr Trainer & Assessor Professional Development workshop (Hobart) – date to be confirmed
- 18-19 May Skills Tasmania Conference 2009 (Launceston)

Welcome to our New Toolbox Champion

A warm welcome to Peter Shanks who is joining us this year to be our Toolbox Champion. Peter comes from an IT and training background, having worked as a web developer and IT consultant prior to becoming an IT teacher at Bathurst TAFE in NSW. Peter has also developed several online applications for training providers, including:

- flickrCC – an online search engine for Creative Commons licensed images (<http://flickrcc.bluemountains.net>); and
- Training O2 – a community driven resource site built around training packages (<http://trainingo2.net/>)

Here are a few words of introduction from Peter himself:

“Hi, Peter here. I’m a 47 year old who used to feel vaguely uncomfortable because I hadn’t decided what I wanted to be when I grew up. Then I saw a bumper sticker which told me: “If you haven’t grown up by the time you’re 40, you don’t have to”. Since then I’ve been feeling much happier. Seriously though, I’ve made the move to Tasmania so that I can help grow vocational education and training into the thriving community it deserves to be.

If anyone reading this introduction needs assistance (especially technology based, toolbox oriented assistance) please give me a call on (03) 6233 4617 or email: peter.shanks@skills.tas.gov.au. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all down here and can't wait to see how this year unfolds – it promises to be an exciting time for us all"



Peter (left) already at work, delivering the Transport and Distribution Toolbox to Tony Cook, the Group training manager for Hazell Brothers (Hazell Bros Group Pty Ltd).

Trainer & Assessor Professional Development Workshop

Innovation and Business Skills Australia (IBSA) in conjunction with APCOT is offering workshops nationally, which will be of interest to trainers and assessors striving to improve their group delivery skills and training sessions.

The one day workshop will provide you with specific suggestions on how to organise and conduct lively training sessions that can be used to teach and train any subject.

You will experience interactive exercises that you can use in your own training sessions that will help you with team building to stimulating discussions to prompting questions (no more empty silences!) to developing skills, inviting feedback and promoting back-on-the-job applications.

You'll discover inventive, innovative and proven strategies to make your training sessions unforgettable with measurable outcomes for learners. Some of the strategies you will sample in this workshop include: 'Slideshow Bingo', 'Jigsaw Learning', 'Bus Stop Brainstorm', 'Trading Places', sticker dot voting, interactive presentations, 'Forty-Five' and 'Diversity=Innovation'.

Details for the Tasmanian workshop are as follows:

Hobart, Thursday 2 April (TBC) - 9.30am - 4.30pm
Venue (TBC), Cost (\$490 per participant, including GST)

For further information and to register visit:
www.ibsa.org.au/courseDetail.jsp?courseID=15561
Alternatively, contact IBSA on (03) 9815 7000 or email events@ibsa.org.au.

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2008 Census of Tasmanian Registered Training Organisations

Skills Tasmania conducted a census of all Tasmanian Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) in October 2008. Out of the 117 Tasmanian private RTOs, 113 responded to the census, a very high response rate.

The aim of the census was to provide a thorough understanding of the training provider industry. The information gained from the census will be used to provide a sound basis for Skills Tasmania initiatives affecting RTOs.

A draft report on the results of the survey will be ready in February 2009 for the review and approval of the Service Provider Committee, a sub-committee of the Board of Skills Tasmania. A final report will be published after the draft has been approved, most likely in March 2009.

Some initial findings include the following:

- Total enrolments for the 12 months preceding the survey were over 60,000.
- More than half of the organisations had an annual turnover of less than \$250,000.
- 30 RTOs are delivering training services interstate.
- 17 RTOs are delivering training services overseas.
- The combined workforce of all private RTOs is over 1,500. Nearly two thirds of these are employed on a full-time basis. More than half (53%) belong to the 45-plus age group and one third are female.

Skills Tasmania wishes to thank all RTOs who took part in the survey.

Australian Apprenticeships Training Information Service - information sessions

Focus on introducing new staff to two key Australian Apprenticeships websites

The Australian Apprenticeships Training Information (www.aatinfo.com.au) and Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways (www.aajobpathways.com.au) websites are consistently regarded as two of the most valuable resources in the Australian Apprenticeships field.

Information sessions are provided regularly to help people working with Australian Apprenticeships to get the most out of the range of resources and information available on the websites, whether you're new to the communication and implementation of Australian Apprenticeships or someone wanting to refresh and increase their knowledge.

The sessions identify the key content areas of the websites, such as Job Pathways Charts and Sample Training Programs, and how that information can be extracted for use with clients. They will also include an overview of recently endorsed National Training Packages and an update on recently released National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) Apprenticeships and Traineeships statistics.

The sessions will be of value to people working in Australian Apprenticeships Centres, Registered Training Organisations and Group Training Organisations, and others who deal directly with job seekers, students and careers advisers in schools.

Information regarding the information sessions are as follows:

Devonport

Tuesday, 17 February 2009

(10.00am - 11.00am)

Meeting Room, Devonport Library

21 Oldaker Street, Devonport

Launceston

Thursday, 19 February 2009

(10.00am - 11.00am)

Varandah Room, Colonial Inn

31 Elizabeth Street, Launceston

Hobart

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

(10.00am - 11.00am)

Oval Office room, Hobart Mid City Hotel

96 Bathurst Street, Hobart

For more information or to register visit: www.aatinfo.com.au/

(Go to 'Click here to go to FAQs and Other News Items')

Alternatively, contact Emma Cook on 1800 338 022 or email

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