

## **Beyond Training: Locating literacy in social policy**

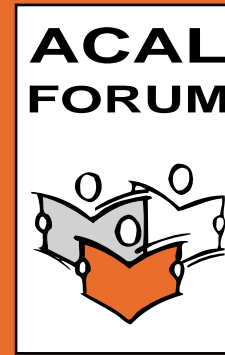


ACAL's first forum for 2003 will examine the ways adult literacy and numeracy practices are entwined with many aspects of day-to-day life, resulting in the need for literacy policy responses to extend beyond the training sector into the broader social policy arena.

In the same way that literacy and numeracy cannot be described or understood without reference to social practice, so too responses to people's literacy and numeracy learning needs must be grounded in a wider social policy landscape. Literacy issues need to be explicitly addressed in social policy that covers areas such as housing, employment, physical and mental health, finance, and community participation. Literacy practices embedded in these areas need to be highlighted as a vital part of living, training and lifelong learning. Furthermore, there is an urgency to locate issues of cross-sectoral involvement at the centre of the literacy policy framework.

ACAL will use the forum as an opportunity to gather advice to inform its broadening agenda for the coming years as well as to develop strategies for including adult literacy and numeracy concerns as a written part of social policy.

Suggested reading can be found at:  
[www.staff.vu.edu.au/alnarc/onlineforum/AL\\_pap\\_spierings.htm](http://www.staff.vu.edu.au/alnarc/onlineforum/AL_pap_spierings.htm)



## **BEYOND TRAINING**

### **LOCATING LITERACY IN SOCIAL POLICY**

**DATE:**

Friday  
2 May 2003

**TIME:**

8.45am—4.30pm

**VENUE:**

Great Northern Hotel  
3 Earl Street  
Launceston TAS 7250

**PRESENTED BY:**

Australian Council for Adult Literacy  
(ABN 18 120 488 674)

**FURTHER INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS:**

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### AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR ADULT LITERACY

Presents a **PUBLIC FORUM**

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**VENUE:** Great Northern Hotel  
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**COST:** \$66.00 (incl . GST)  
Includes lunch and light refreshments

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#### 8.45 REGISTRATION

#### 9.00 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING

JIM THOMPSON - President of ACAL

#### 9.30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

LIS DE VRIES - Executive Director of the Tasmanian Council of Social Service

#### 10.15 MORNING TEA

#### 10.45 PANEL SESSION

Chairperson to be confirmed  
The focus of the panel will be to examine people's literacy and numeracy practices in the social policy landscape. The session will comprise individual 30 minute presentations by panel members, followed by question time.

Speakers include **DR SUE KILPATRICK**, Director of Centre for Research and Learning in Regional Australia, University of Tasmania; **MATT GARVIN**, Fusion Australia, Launceston and one other speaker to be confirmed.

The panel speakers will present the issue from an aid agency's perspective, looking at implementation of policy at a 'grass roots' level, and from a bureaucratic point of view, as government agencies take policy and implement it.

#### 12.30 LUNCH

#### 1.15 GETTING ON THE AGENDA

**TIM GRAU**, Springboard Australia  
How to get adult literacy issues on the media, and onto the political and policy agendas.

#### 2.00 ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

**DR ROSIE WICKERT** from the University of Technology Sydney to draw threads together from speakers and introduce a series of round table discussions.

#### 3.00 AFTERNOON TEA

#### 3.15 QUESTIONS AND FEEDBACK

#### 3.30 SUMMING UP AND ACTION

**DR ROSIE WICKERT** and **TIM GRAU** will pull the issues of the day together.

#### 4.30 CLOSE



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