



Invitation

FORUM:



MAKING THE SDG'S REAL IN AUSTRALIA'S ADULT AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



THURSDAY 10 AUGUST

9:30am till 3:30pm

KATHLEEN SYME LIBRARY
& COMMUNITY CENTRE

251 Faraday Street,
Carlton VIC

(Any tram from Swanston Street to
Melbourne University Stop)

Cost: \$25.00

When you RSVP:

[HTTPS://ALA.ASN.AU/MAKING-THE-SDGS](https://ala.asn.au/making-the-sdgs)

What are the Sustainable Development Goals?

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) give us a shared framework to deal with global issues such as poverty, social injustice, and equitable access to education, training and lifelong learning. Good quality, affordable and inclusive education and training along with opportunity for lifelong learning are powerful vehicles for economic and social wellbeing and sustainable development. Governments have the responsibility to ensure that education and training provision is gender informed, designed to empower women and girls and achieve gender equality.

In 2015, 193 countries unanimously accepted Sustainable Development **Goal 4: To bring quality, equitable, inclusive education and lifelong learning opportunities to their citizens.**

But declaring goals is just the first step in any action plan. What's needed now is good policy and funding to ensure the good outcomes are achieved in a timely way.

Towards a gender informed national plan

This forum organised by Women in Adult and Vocational Education (WAVE) and Adult Learning Australia (ALA), and supported by EU Centre at RMIT University will explore the role of the Sustainable Development Goals and their implications for Australia.

Our forum will also explore:

- Why the SDGs are important
- What the SDGs have to do with education and training, inclusive, gender and economic wellbeing
- The potential impact of the SDGs on adult learning and training for decent work
- The issues for women and girls
- The key SDGs for education, gender and work



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9:30–10:00 am **REGISTRATION AND COFFEE**

10:00 – 10:15 am **WELCOME**
Linda Simon – WAVE
Jenny Macaffer – Adult Learning Australia

10:15 –11:15 am **SETTING THE SCENE**
What are the SDGs?
A/Prof Jose Roberto Guevaro – RMIT
Australia, the SDGs and gender
Sally Moyle – CARE Australia

11:15 – 12:15 pm **PANEL**
Why are the SDGs important for women and girls in Australia's vocational and adult education?
A-gendering the SDGs
Elaine Butler – WAVE
Social inclusion, the role of education and training
Prof Sue Webb – Monash University
Building alliances in the SDG lifelong learning agenda
Prof Sue Shore – Charles Darwin University



12:15 - 1:00 pm **DISCUSSION**
Issues facing women and girls in VET and adult education today
Chair Kira Clarke – University of Melbourne
Presentation Stephanie Yung – Brotherhood of St Laurence

1:00 – 1:45 pm **LUNCH**

1:45 – 2:30 pm **PANEL**
Working with the SDGs
Working with the SDGs for education and economic empowerment
International Women's Development Agency
A civil society 'coalition of the willing'
Bernie Lovegrove – ASPBAE
Localising the SDGs
Prof Bruce Wilson – EU Centre at RMIT University

2:30 – 3:20 pm **PLENARY**
Next steps for Australia: Towards an action plan
What are our priorities? What can we do?
Chairs Kira Clarke and Bruce Wilson

3:20 pm **CLOSE**

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