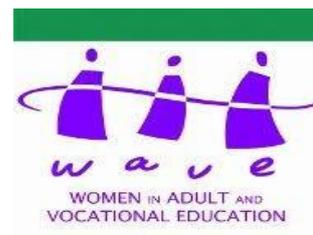


WAVE Newsletter

June 2017



WAVE event

**Keep the date: The WAVE/ALA forum is firming up for 10 August in Melbourne.
More information soon.**

Gender Lens on the Budget

The National Foundation for Australian Women again brought together a number of women from diverse areas to analyse the Federal Budget and its impact on women. WAVE members were involved in writing up some of the reports including around vocational education and training (VET), and Disabilities. Find the report at <http://www.nfaw.org/gender-lens-on-the-budget/>

Whilst the news for women is not good, it is the chance to campaign and take the message to our Members of Parliament. The report contains recommendations, including the following:

- NFAW recommends that the issues around gender implications of Skilling Australians Fund be clarified with the Assistant Minister for Vocational Education and Skills with the aim of ensuring that the major public provider, that is TAFE, receives adequate funding to provide the quality training critical to industry, small business, regions and local communities. This includes high level training and workforce development as well as foundation skills for disadvantaged learners in all equity groups, especially women, entering or re-entering the workforce.
- NFAW recommends that funding be allocated for Women in Adult and Vocational Education (WAVE) and other relevant women's organisations to work with the new projects (under Skilling Australians Fund) to ensure that women and girls are involved and receive appropriate mentoring and support.
- NFAW foreshadows further campaigns to highlight the significant role of TAFE in delivering a range of programs for women and girls.
- NFAW foreshadows action to pressure the government and the Assistant Minister to address continuing concerns about the discriminatory outcomes resulting from its approach to funding skills training focused on apprenticeships and skills shortages, without any positive funding intervention to redress the sex segregation entrenched in many industries.

Letter to the Prime Minister on gender

The Equality Rights Alliance (of which WAVE is a member) has sent a letter to the Prime Minister arising from a resolution carried at a recent meeting on 26 May.

To the Prime Minister:

The attendees at the annual members meeting of the Equality Rights Alliance on 26 May 2017 call for the Minister for Women be resourced by the Government to develop a comprehensive, funded plan for women for adoption by cabinet by December 2017.

Further information can be found on the WAVE website: <http://wave.org.au/wave/>

Setting the agenda – Labor’s national conversation on gender equity

Federal Labor is seeking your views on gender equity. Submissions do not need to be long – so send your ideas in by 8 June – see email below.

HAVE YOUR SAY...

It’s the people facing the battles and working on the frontline who know best what has to change. So Labor is seeking your ideas and views on how we can develop a comprehensive blueprint for gender equality.

Tell us about your experiences or research and what you’ve seen work to advance gender equality.

Email your written submission to sharon.claydon.mp@aph.gov.au or mail to 427 Hunter Street, Newcastle NSW 2300, by 8 June 2017.

We’d like to make your submissions public on our website so please let us know if you’d prefer your submission be kept private.

Submissions should be guided by any or all of the following questions:

What are the highest priorities for action to achieve gender equality in Australia?

How do we address inequality among the most diverse and disadvantaged groups of women?

How should Government partner with the community, corporate sector, non-profit sector and other stakeholders to advance gender equality?

How do we ensure we meet our objectives over the long term?

What strategies are needed to improve women’s economic security and independence?

How do we reduce barriers to women’s participation and representation in leadership roles?

What actions are needed to protect women and girls from harassment and violence?

What needs to be done to promote women’s health and wellbeing?

What strategies do we need to ease the strain of balancing work and caring responsibilities?

How can we improve gender equality within education and training and through education

Great Leaders are Made (GLAM) – Women’s Leadership Program

You may be interested in the following program:

*The final GLAM programs will commence with **Day 1 on Wed. 13/9/17 in SYDNEY, and Day 1 on Wed. 27/9/17 in CANBERRA**, and continue with Days 2 and 3 in October and November 2017.*

*Again, we extend a personal invitation to the members of **Women in Adult and Vocational Education** to attend GLAM. **For members who register to pay by invoice and specify Women in Adult and Vocational Education next to their surname at the time they book for the program, they will receive a 10% reduction on their first registration fee, representing a saving of \$330.***

For more information, go to:

<http://avrilhenry.com/services/glam>

Interesting reading

You may be interested in the following article on **Saudi women’s work challenges and barriers to career advancement**, which cited Professor Erica Smith’s work on women in VET (which built on WAVE’s work on barriers to participation).

<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/abs/10.1108/CDI-11-2016-0200>

Another article asks: **What is the Gender Digital Divide, and Why Should it Matter for the SDGs?** (Sustainable Development Goals)

<http://sdg.iisd.org/commentary/guest-articles/what-is-the-gender-digital-divide-and-why-should-it-matter-for-the-sdgs/>

Keep up with WAVE campaigns through <http://wave.org.au/wave/>, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. If you require a Word version of the Newsletter, let us know.

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