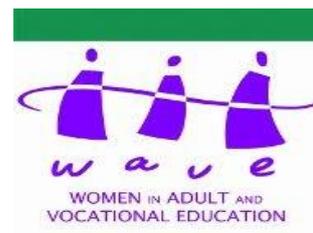


# WAVE Newsletter



## WAVE event

**Note the date: a WAVE event is proposed for 8/9 or 9/10 August 2017 in Melbourne. More information soon.**

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## Meeting with Tanya Plibersek, Federal Shadow Minister for Women

WAVE met recently with the Shadow Minister for Women Tanya Plibersek, where we discussed a range of issues including careers education and support, transitions between VET and university, and expanded apprenticeship opportunities. You may be also interested in Federal Labor's national conversation with Australian women: *Setting the Agenda*, details of which are below:

*This year, Federal Labor's Status of Women Committee is holding a national conversation with Australian women: Setting the Agenda. The conversation is focussing on practical solutions to break down the barriers to gender equality and will shape Labor's comprehensive blueprint for equality.*

*We've received great feedback through our [online survey](#) from women around the country and are now opening written submissions so that organisations and individuals have the opportunity to provide more detailed submissions to the consultation.*

*Written submissions will be **open until 8 June 2017** and details about how to make a submission are available [here](#).. Events and roundtables will be held between June and August.*

## Funding Grants for Women's Leadership Development

Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) is administering a national initiative to support the development of female leaders across Australia's adult and vocational education sector. The initiative is providing women with grants to enable participation in a range of leadership development programs.

The leadership development programs are part-time and delivered nationally via WLA's blended learning model. Scholarship funding is strictly limited and will be awarded based on a set of selection criteria being met.

### **Expressions of Interest**

Find out more and register your interest by completing the Expression of Interest form here prior to June 7, 2017: <http://www.wla.edu.au/assoc-june17.html>

### **A conversation in gender equality Australian Human Rights Commission - March 2017**

In the second half of 2016, Federal Sex Discrimination Commissioner Kate Jenkins travelled to every state and territory to learn about Australia's progress towards gender equality. This report has recently been published. <https://www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/sex-discrimination/publications/conversation-gender-equality-2017> The report commits to the following strategies, but WAVE and its members also need to advocate for the inclusion of vocational and adult education in the ongoing work.

- **Give women a voice** – promote and facilitate opportunities for women to have their voices heard at a regional, national and international level in collaboration with Alliances, government, businesses and communities.
- **Advocate for change** – argue the case for reducing gender segregation in our economy and advocate to address the causes of violence against women, particularly those who experience intersectional disadvantage.
- **Encourage the community to call to account** – challenge misconceptions that gender equality has been achieved and spotlight data and stories that highlight the benefits of gender equality for every Australian.
- **Policy change with government** – work with governments and other policy makers on the need for gender and intersectional lenses in funding allocation, policy, decision making and data collection.
- **Collaborate with workplaces** – work with employers to identify all the levers that impact the economic gender gap and find ways to share and amplify good workplace practices across sectors, different sized organisations and in metropolitan as well as regional, rural and remote communities.
- **Engage men in solutions** – engage with men to step up beside women and encourage their success.

### **DV-Alert – from WAVE ACT Executive member Sue Salthouse**

Lifeline Australia's **DV-Alert** is a nationally recognised training program funded by the Department of Social Services as a key initiative under the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and Their Children. Since 2011, the 2-day **DV-Alert** training course has been offered, free of charge, to

the health, allied health and community frontline workers. The training enables frontline workers to confidently:

- RECOGNISE signs of domestic and family violence
- RESPOND with appropriate care
- REFER people experiencing or at risk of domestic and family violence to appropriate support services

Since 2012, DV-alert has expanded to include a stream based on the context of domestic and family violence experienced by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander women. Followed in 2014 with a stream based on that experienced by women of Non-English-Speaking Background. Under the Third Action Plan., the **DV-Alert** Training is being further expanded to include the diverse nature of the violence and sexual assault experienced by women with disabilities.

As a preliminary step, **Lifeline Australia** seeks to consult with key organisations, such as yours, whose staff could be likely to receive a first disclosure from a woman with disabilities about the violence that she has experienced. In the Focus Groups we will explore what information your staff have used already or might need, and the referral pathways that work in order that a disclosure can be acted on effectively.

Focus Groups will be conducted by **Didactic Enterprises**. Contact Sue Salthouse at [sudata@optusnet.com.au](mailto:sudata@optusnet.com.au) (Didactic Enterprises) for further information.

## New WAVE representative on economic security 4 women (eS4W)

Thanks to Tish Champion from AEU South Australia, one of our SA convenors, for taking over as a WAVE representative to the national women's alliance, eS4W. WAVE also thanks Elaine Butler for her work with eS4W over many years.

## Federal Budget

Watch for the breakdown of next week's Federal budget around gender issues! WAVE is involved with the analysis of vocational and adult education, and given recent announcements on university funding, we will be surprised if the news is good.

## International

WAVE continues to contribute to documents around the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including through our membership of the Women's Major Group. The following UN high level political forum will be held soon, and whilst the SDGs of most concern to us:

Goal 4 – Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all, and

Goal 8 – Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all,

will not be reviewed until 2019, you will see that Goal 5 around gender equality is to be considered.

## High-level political forum 2017

The meeting of the high-level political forum on sustainable development in 2017 convened under the auspices of the UN's Economic and Social Council, will be held from Monday, 10 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2017; including the three-day ministerial meeting of the forum from Monday, 17 July, to Wednesday, 19 July 2017.

The theme will be "*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*". The set of goals to be reviewed in depth will be the following, including Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, that will be considered each year:

- **Goal 1.** End poverty in all its forms everywhere
- **Goal 2.** End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
- **Goal 3.** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
- **Goal 5.** Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls
- **Goal 9.** Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
- **Goal 14.** Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/hlpf/2017>

## USA - Spotlight on Vocational Training - April 25, 2017

If you are interested in what is happening with gender and vocational training in the US, this is an interesting report from the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

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In addition, career and technical training has a severe gender imbalance. Most of the decent-paying vocational jobs go to men, who dominate middle-skill (less than a four-year degree required) fields such as information technology, welding and advanced manufacturing. Women, however, are overrepresented in lower-paying, middle-skill health professions, such as jobs as nursing aides.

<https://iwpr.org/spotlight-vocational-training/>

## What's On?

### Adult Learning Australia Conference - Exploring possibilities – changing lives

The [54th Adult Learning Australia conference](#) will be held on the 13–14 June 2017 in Hobart, Tasmania. The conference is in partnership with LINC Tasmania and will explore the different ways lifelong learning changes lives. The conference program will include dynamic and diverse keynote speakers, sector leaders and practitioners, who will present a range of topics through presentations, sessions and workshops.

#### Keynote speakers:

**Dr Tony Birch – Victoria University**

**Bronwyn Lee – Foundation for Young Australians**  
**Marcia Howard – Singer, songwriter and music educator**  
**Dr Peggy Brown – CEO – Mental Health Commission**  
**Dr Tracey Ollis – Deakin University**  
**Dr Tony Brown**

[Check out all the details here.](#)

## **Australian Council for Adult Literacy Conference - 12 – 15 September 2017, Darwin**

In 2017 the Australian Council for Adult Literacy celebrates 40 years of actively promoting language, literacy, numeracy, and communication provision and research. The conference - *Traders, Neighbours and Intruders: Points of Contact* - provides a rich location from which to challenge stereotypes, reinvigorate relationships and provoke new conceptualisations of participation in Australian life, including for example:

- cross-cultural practices and identities and how these have changed over time
- the implications for locating oneself in the 'LLN' or alternatively named fields
- advances in technology and how these shape and re-shape communication and identity
- assessment, monitoring and power in formal and non-formal education
- citizenship practices and texts that encourage transnational networks.

## **NCVER 'No-Frills' Conference**

The 26<sup>th</sup> *National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'* will be co-hosted with TasTAFE and held in beautiful Hobart from **5 to 7 July 2017**.

'No Frills' is a well-known annual national conference where researchers and practitioners in the vocational education and training (VET) sector come together to present, discuss and share information about key issues confronting the sector. It also offers valuable professional development opportunities through a series of hands-on pre-conference workshops.

Each year we partner with a training provider so we can offer great value for money. Using their quality training facilities to stage the conference means we can keep registration costs down and provide a relaxed and casual conference atmosphere – perfect for networking.

The 2017 conference explores the theme ***Skilling for tomorrow***, highlighting work across three streams:

- **Explore:** gaining a better understanding of education, training and employment, the people involved and interactions between these systems
- **Translate:** applying knowledge about education and training to improve practice, quality and outcomes
- **Evolve:** addressing the opportunities and challenges ahead to transform the sector to better meet future skill needs.

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