

Invitation

Professional Learning Series 2009: Educators series GPS for collaboration – the road to successful partnerships

This event is designed to point TAFE teachers in the right direction and provide a road map for those staff needing to establish and sustain successful partnerships with industry. With the current changes facing the VET sector, it is increasingly important for all to be able to establish strong relationships.

The keynote speaker will provide an outline of the great work currently being undertaken at the Institute level. This inspiring presentation will encourage participants to think creatively about the opportunities available and take action to further establish industry partnerships. Margaret Smith will follow with a plenary session on effective communication – the art of great questioning and listening and will start the process of getting participants to think about how partnerships can be established.

There will be two series of concurrent workshops where participants will have an opportunity to hear from TAFE practitioners who are currently involved in successful partnerships. They will gain an insight into the major aspects and key success factors to maintaining these relationships. Participants will self-select from these workshops, allowing them to gain a greater understanding in an area of interest and relevance to their role as TAFE teachers, and will be provided with discussion time about how to implement such changes at their own Institutes.

Outcomes

At the conclusion of this program, participants will have:

- Identified strategies to communicate successfully through a collaborative approach of questioning and listening.
- A range of tools and techniques to take back to the Institute for establishing successful partnerships.
- An understanding of the importance of collaboration.

Event details

Date	Thursday 10 December 2009
Time	10.00 am to 4.00 pm (Registration from 9.00 am)
Venue	Victoria University Conference Centre Level 12, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Funding and reimbursement

The TAFE Development Centre will fully fund three places from each Institute. Funding will cover the registration, travel costs, backfill costs and, in some cases, accommodation with prior approval from the Centre. Advice on the reimbursement of personal expenses will be distributed at the seminar.

Additional places can be purchased at a cost of **\$105.00** (plus GST). This cost will cover registration and catering only. Accommodation and travel expenses must be borne by the Institute or the individual.

Cancellation of registrations must be made **at least two days** before the event or a **cancellation fee** of **\$105.00** will be applied.

Bookings and further information

To express interest in attending this event, please complete the attached booking form and forward to your Institute Contact Person via email no later than **Tuesday 1 December 2009**.

Further information will be provided on confirmation of registration. If you wish to know more about this event, please contact Narelle Jennings on 9250 6011 or via email at njennings@tafecentre.vic.edu.au.

**Expressions of interest should be forwarded to your Institute Contact Person by
Tuesday 1 December 2009**