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Skills Plan Update

ECA are still waiting to hear whether they have been successful in obtaining funding through Skills Tasmania to continue and expand the work of the Skills Plan. Until funding has been announced the role of Project Officer is limited to maintaining initiatives already established. As soon as a decision has been made the ECEC sector will be informed through the Skills Plan Newsletter.

Australian Training Awards - www.australiantrainingawards.gov.au

The Australian Training Awards are back again for another year, and applications from individuals and organisations are being sought. Applications close on Friday 29th May. The awards are the peak, national awards for the vocational education and training (VET) sector, recognising individuals, businesses and registered training organisations for their contribution to skilling Australia. Finalists will be recognised at an award ceremony in November.

Qualifications Guide—have you got copies?

All services in Tasmania should have received copies of the 'Educator' and 'Services' versions of the Qualifications Guide and all high schools and colleges in Tasmania will receive a copy of the 'Educator' section this week. If your service hasn't received a copy please contact me and I will arrange for one to be sent out.

ECA are currently in the process of seeking permission from the Education & Care Unit about the possible sale of Guides to RTOs in Tasmania.

ECA 2015 Australian School based Apprenticeship (ASbA) Project

ECA are calling for expressions of interest for participation in the 2015 ASbA Project. Full details are available in the special April Skills Plan Newsletter (copy available online at www.ecaskillsplan.org.au). The closing date for EOIs has been extended to Friday 15th May and can be sent via email to roger.skillsplantas@earlychildhood.org.au

Qualifications Guide - Brief Survey

As part of the funding ECA received to develop the Qualifications Guide they agreed to administer a survey reviewing the sectors involvement in developing the Guide and their perception and implementation of the published Guide.

A link to the very brief survey can be found at www.surveymonkey.com/r/qualificationsguide

ECA Learning Hub - Being an Intentional Educator

Every interaction with children, and every practice decision educators make, influences children's learning, development and well being. Being aware of your intentions is about recognising your influence as an educator.

Presented by renowned early childhood expert Dr Anne Kennedy, this webinar will support you to deepen your understanding of what we mean by intentionality and intentional teaching, and the implications for your work as an educator. It will draw on, and extend, Anne's latest 'Research in practice' publication for ECA, *Intentional teaching: Acting thoughtfully, deliberately and purposefully*

The webinar is being held on the 12th May.

You can enrol online at: www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/learning-hub

Dates to Remember

May

- 6 ECA southern Regional Meeting
- 12 ECA Learning Hub - Webinar
- 15 EOIs for 2015 ASbA project close
- 22 Qualifications Guide Survey closes
- 26 ECA Statewide Meeting
- 27-3 National Reconciliation Week
- 29 Nominations close for the Australian Training Awards

June

July

- 3 Term 2 ends

Cheers

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