



Skills Plan Progress

Career Brochure - This is now available to download and print from the Tasmanian page on the ECA national website http://www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au/state_territory_branches/tasmania_branch.html

Skills Plan Funding - ECA are pleased to announce that Skills Tasmania have agreed to provide additional funding to support the continued implementation of the priorities identified in the Skills Plan for the next 2 years. This includes continued support of the quarterly Roundtable meetings. A full explanation of the priorities will be outlined in the January newsletter.



The Beacon Foundation will be calling for interested educators from Hobart and the Huon area to support their business blackboard program in 2014. Business Blackboards are one of Beacon's key programs which brings business into the classroom to deliver industry focused lessons. The program is designed to bring the curriculum to life and show students that their studies in Maths, English and other subjects has real relevance and value in the real world of work. Business Blackboards also highlights the diversity of career pathways available to students and can actively raise their career aspirations. For more information please email Anthony Stewart astew@beaconfoundation.net

Mapping During the August Roundtable meeting there was a shared concern about the skill gaps that might exist for students who had completed their Cert III under the old training package and were wanting to complete a Diploma under the new package.

The Roundtable unanimously agreed to pursue a process where the sector & RTO's could work together to create a document that mapped the gaps between the old and new Certificate III qualification. Recently Sherylyn Brakey (TasTAFE), April Bradford (Campbell Page), Christine Mayfield (Stepping Ahead Training & Development) and Aimee Woods (Gowrie Training Centre) worked collaboratively to produce mapping documents that identified the gaps (Cert III core units, Cert III electives recommended by the Roundtable group and the Diploma core units).

If anyone would like to have copies of these documents please let me know and I will make sure that they are emailed to you.

Grant Alert—Skills Fund <http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/skillsfund>

Applications for the first round close on the 2nd December, the second round of funding will open in mid to late January. There are some changes to how this funding is being allocated. Please check the website for more details.



Do you know someone in early childhood education and care that deserves an award? Nominations opened in November 2013 for the next awards to be held in Melbourne in September 2014.

<http://www.earlychildhoodawards.com.au/>

Dates to remember

December

16 Transition to new Training Package Information Day
19 School term ends

February

5 School resumes

May

31 HESTA ECEC Award nominations close

Videos to promote ECEC careers and sector

With funding provided by the Australian Government Child Care Services Support Program (CCSSP), the Riverina Early Childhood Strategic Leadership and Development Network has developed video resources to promote careers in education and care (childcare), and to showcase the work of an educator and the importance of the profession.

The link is provided here: <http://vimeo.com/channels/606093>

"There's Something Special About Early Childhood", is targeted at job seekers, school leavers, parents, employers, training providers and employment services providers, as well as unqualified existing workers within the sector.

The video can be used as an information and training resource, or as an induction tool for new recruits and trainees. Parent committees, peak bodies and other groups may also use the vignettes as part of their promotional activities.

*Have a great Christmas and New Year
Cheers
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