



You are invited to an October VET event:

You wouldn't expect a plumbing teacher to teach reading!
– exploring learner support practices in VET

on Wednesday 27 October, 2010

4 pm - 7.30 pm

at the University of Technology, Sydney
Ariel Function Centre, level 7, Building 10
235 Jones Street, Broadway

cost: \$50 for AVETRA members; \$60 for non-members

Registration by 20 October, 2010: follow the link from
<http://datasearch2.uts.edu.au/fass/news-events/event-detail.cfm?ItemId=23499>

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About this event:

This event will focus on an area receiving increasing attention - that of literacy and numeracy needs of VET learners, and how they can be best met. A national research project underway on this topic will be presented by Stephen Black and Keiko Yasukawa to provide a background and a summary of what this research has found so far. A small panel of VET teachers and learner support teachers will be invited to share their perspectives and experiences of learning support. Participants will then be asked to discuss questions around learner support practices in their sections/ organisations; professional learning of vocational and learner support teachers working together; and questions for further research. There will be drinks and refreshments at the end of the session.

Organising committee:

Stephen Black, Tony Brown, Greg Martin, Ann Reich, Keiko Yasukawa

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Program

- 4 00 Registration
- 4.30 Welcome from **Dr. Roger Dunstan**, Director of the UTS Centre for Research in Learning and Change
- 4.45 Exploring learner support practices in VET - the current context, and overview from **Stephen Black** and **Keiko Yasukawa**, from their research project
- 5.15 A panel of speakers, including:
- Sue Roy**, Manager of TAFE Policy, Research and Communications, TAFE NSW on *What's driving the current emphasis on VET qualification completions and what can make a difference? – snapshot of current literature*
- Terri Connellan**, Relieving Associate Director - Business and Services, TAFE NSW - South Western Sydney Institute on *A manager's perspective on learning support*
- Bruce Paulsen**, Teacher of plumbing, North Sydney Institute of TAFE on *Why do we need to learn how to do this? Can't we just buy one at Bunnings?*
plus others
- 6.00 What can we recommend for improving 'learner support' in VET? - small group discussions to share experiences, identify research questions, and/ or make recommendations for policy
- 6.30 Report back from groups and wrap up
- 6.45 Drinks and refreshments
- 7.30 Close