

# Australian Learning Communities Network REGIONAL CONFERENCE TOWNSVILLE



Australian Learning Communities Network Regional Conference 8 May 2014  
C2 - Civic Theatre Boundary Street South Townsville  
*Communities learning together*

DRAFT CONFERENCE PROGRAM		
TIME	PRESENTER	ABSTRACT
9.00AM	Welcome to country	
	Housekeeping	
	Welcome by Councillor Suzanne Blom	
	Introduction by Chair of Australian Learning Communities Network Inc	
9.20AM	Conference Program begins Introduction of Keynote speaker	
9.30AM	Keynote speaker Professor Michael Osborne	Strategies for engaging and maintaining engagement in lifelong learning
	Michael Osborne is Professor of Adult and Lifelong Learning at the University of Glasgow and co-director of the Research Cluster in Social Justice, Place and Lifelong Education. He is experienced in adult education, VET and Higher Education research, development and evaluation. He is Director of the Centre for Research and Development in Adult and Lifelong Learning within the Faculty of Education and Co-director of the PASCAL Observatory on Place Management, Social Capital and Lifelong Learning.	
	Questions 10 minutes	
10.30AM	Morning tea	
11.00AM	Panel Discussion Chair: Professor Michael Osborne	
	<b>Panelists: Representing the following</b>	How can we enable opportunities for lifelong learning
	Community Sector - Project Manager Communities for Children – The SmithFamily, Townsville - Karen Loto	
	State Government - John Williams Digital Economy Project Officer, Dept Science Information Technology Innovation and the Arts	
	Business – CEO, Townsville Business Development Centre Sharyn Brown	

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	Education - Deputy Vice Chancellor-Academic, James Cook University, Professor Sally Kift	
12NOON	Lunch	
1.00PM	Workshop Sessions	
		2 x 1 hour concurrent sessions
	From Partnerships to Interdependence Fiona Sanders	From Partnerships to Interdependence
	Fiona Sanders Dip.Welfare&CommunityServices, CertIV-T&A Fiona Sanders has over 17 years' experience in the area of disability and mental health within local and state Government sectors as well as the non-government sector within Queensland and the Northern Territory. Fiona's passion and focus has been directed towards the development of welcoming and supportive communities alongside individuals with a disability and their families. This has been strongly influenced by the principles and practice associated with Asset Based Community Development (ABCD) and through Fiona's involvement in the teaching of Social Role Valorisation (SRV).	This interactive workshop will explore the unique differences between partnerships and inter dependence and why this is so important to community.
	Evaluating a learning community Dr Leone Wheeler	
	Dr Leone Wheeler is an Educational Services Consultant, Associate of RMIT University, School of Global, Urban and Social Studies and Teaching Associate within the School of Education at Monash University. Leone's research interests and practitioner work have focussed on the development and evaluation of Australian Learning Communities, in particular those communities located in the outer suburban areas of metropolitan Melbourne. She is Deputy Chair of the Hume Global Learning Village and a committee member on Northern Metropolitan Melbourne RDA.	This workshop will provide a brief overview of evaluation forms and approaches used by learning community practitioners in Victoria to measure the impact of their work. Participants will apply a Learning Community Framework diagnostic tool, developed in 2013 as part of the Learning as a Driver for Change project, to their own learning community plans and projects. The workshop will conclude with a discussion of how practitioner work on evaluation can link to international Learning Cities Frameworks.
2.00PM-2.30PM	Afternoon tea between workshop sessions	
3.30PM	Reflections on the day – Professor Michael Osborne REGIONAL CONFERENCE CLOSE	

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