

## E - news from ALA, Number 13, August 2000

Welcome to this month's Current.

### Website of the month

The web can be used to connect people interested in social change. August's award goes to a site organising the September 11 protests at the World Economic Forum in Melbourne at <[www.s11.org](http://www.s11.org)>. A wide range of web tools is employed. Email prompts allow offers of support. The call to action can be distributed via a simple form. Posters and banners ads can be downloaded, email lists joined, and links used to investigate the WEF and background. The site designers have created an attractive, fast-loading, informative and interactive site, which supports learning in social action.

### GST and ACE

A second (streamlined) round of funding has been made for GST education for ACE. ALA will again be working with state peak bodies and ALA branches. The Charities Consultative Committee will continue, with its strategic direction and membership reviewed. The GST StartUp office will continue to 31 December. The new 'Community, Voluntary and Cultural Sector' will have 26 new Community Sector Liaison Officers.

### Mark in your diary – three conferences

- 8-9 September – ALW Agenda for the Future: Lifelong learning in Australia, Adelaide
- 27-29 October – The Learning City: from concept to reality, Wodonga/Albury
- 24-26 November – Learning in Time, ALA's 40<sup>th</sup> annual Conference, Canberra.

Ring 02 6251 7933 for more details

### Single gauge VET

ANTA's Ministerial Council (30 June) set a range of priority tasks to boost consistency, client service and quality. They include clearer, higher national standards for RTOs, a single level of registration, consistent RTO auditing practices and standards and legislation in all jurisdictions. A new industry-led National Training Quality Council is to replace the National Training Framework Committee.

### Adult Learners Week 2000

Online voting in the photo competition will open later in August at <<http://alw.ala.asn.au>> The ALW Calendar has the latest event news.

### What do you remember?

A reminder that we are looking for memorabilia of key events in adult learning history, pictures, journals, letters, previous AAAE/AAACE conferences. Contact Liz at ALA by 25 August or ring 02 6251 7673.

### ALA Awards

Recognising outstanding contributions will help promote adult learning. Nominations close 22 September for ALA's three national awards Forms available from the ALA Office, and soon downloadable at <<http://www.ala.asn.au>>

### Executive Elections

Nominations for ALA Executive positions close on Wednesday 23 August. If you have not received forms, please contact [info@ala.asn.au](mailto:info@ala.asn.au), or 02 6251 7933.

### SCUTREA 2001

The international SCUTREA Conference *Travellers' tales: from adult education to lifelong learning...and beyond* will be in London 3-5 July. Abstracts for papers close November 2000. See [www.ala.asn.au](http://www.ala.asn.au) for all details or contact David Boud at [david.boud@uts.edu.au](mailto:david.boud@uts.edu.au)

### Tasmania on ALON

Records for 110 ACE organisations in Tasmania have just been added, bringing total organisations registered with ALON to 535.

### Learning Circles Online

LCA's website <http://circles.ala.asn.au> has been upgraded, including an email news service, a menu of learning circles, downloadable discussion guides, forum, links and news areas. Contact Mary Hannan on 02 6251 9889, [m.hannan@ala.asn.au](mailto:m.hannan@ala.asn.au). We welcome your feedback.

### Position vacant on ALA site AMWU Education Officer

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