

FORUM

Widening Participation in Academic Language and Learning: University/TAFE Collaborations

Monday 18 April 2011, 10.30 am – 4.00 pm

Bradley Forum, Hawke Building, City West Campus, University of South Australia

One of the key aspects of the current Higher Education reform agenda is more interaction between Universities and the TAFE/VET sectors. While some states have seen substantial collaborations along these lines due to the existence of dual-sector universities, South Australia is still beginning these collaborative partnerships. In particular, the relevance for the AALL community needs to be thought through. What are the implications of more students entering university from a TAFE/VET background? What is the potential for collaboration in research and practice between academic support staff in universities and TAFE/VET? This forum aims to explore these questions and form the basis for collaborations that will help develop specific institutional responses to these new opportunities, and it will also begin some of the work that will carry through to the 2011 AALL conference in Adelaide.

10.30 am Registration and Coffee

11.00 am **Keynote Address**

Associate Professor Leesa Wheelahan

LH Martin Institute, University of Melbourne

Leesa has published widely on lifelong learning, tertiary education policy, student equity, recognition of prior learning, credit-transfer and student articulation between the sectors of post-compulsory education and training, cross-sectoral relations between the VET and higher education sectors, and the role of theoretical knowledge in curriculum. Leesa has taught in tertiary education for approximately 16 years, which includes time as a TAFE teacher in policy development, an academic developer at a dual-sector university and as a higher education teacher in adult and vocational education teacher preparation programs.

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12.00 pm **Q & A**

12.30 pm Lunch (provided)

1.30 pm **Panel Session: Dual-sector universities**

2.30 pm Afternoon tea

3.00 pm **Panel Session: SA Collaborations**

4.00 pm Close

Register by email to chad.habel@adelaide.edu.au by Friday 8 April 2011

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