



VOCATIONAL EDUCATION RESEARCH GETS A MAKEOVER

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research has launched VOCEDplus - a free international tertiary education research database with expanded features for research in the field. In the first 15 weeks of operation, the new database has had 81,977 visitors to from 181 countries.

VOCEDplus was launched at a cocktail reception at the University of Canberra, attended by many long-time supporters of its predecessor VOCED, first created in 1989 to provide access to English language bibliographic records of Australian and international research related to vocational education and training (VET).

VOCEDplus focuses on research and statistics examining the links between education, work and social engagement. Content in the VOCEDplus database has now expanded to include all post-compulsory education, including university, adult and community education, prisoner education, lifelong learning, workplace and work-based learning. The new website features include a digital repository, making more full-text documents available online. It is now possible to search both bibliographic records and within full-text documents in the repository, and to use the facets feature to refine search results.

VOCEDplus offers social networking applications to share search results. It also has the ability to set up customised RSS feeds from searches and QR codes to capture content on mobile devices. A webinar demonstrating how to use VOCEDplus was also held and is available to view on the VOCEDplus homepage.

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research says the project has taken two years from concept to delivery and it's been well worth the effort. VOCEDplus is supported by funding assistance from the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and is endorsed by UNESCO.

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28 November – 2 December

Buildings, Books and Blackboards: Intersecting Narratives
Combined conference of Australian and New Zealand History of Education Society, Mechanics Worldwide and Library History Forum

Information:

buildingsbooksandblackboards.blogspot.com

ACT

19 October

New Librarians Forum and National Lib Techs Conference Encore

AGLIN / ALIA Active event

Contact: Karna ODea, karna.odea@ato.gov.au

NSW

15 October

From Little Things Big Things Grow

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17 October

ALIACYS Unconference for the National Year of Reading 2012

Contact Mylee Joseph mjoseph@sl.nsw.gov.au

NT

11 October

TopEnd Committee Meeting 5:30pm at Cool Spot Cafe

Contact: Pat Whalan patricia.whalan@nt.gov.au

VIC

13 October

Melbourne National Advisory Congress

Seminar Rm 1 RMIT Library Swanston St. 5.30 for 6.00pm

Contact: Margie Anderson margie.anderson@alia.org.au

21 October

MCG Library visit

Contact Kim Wilson kwilson@slv.vic.gov.au

WA

21 October

Educating Information Professional for the 21st Century

9:30 - 12:00pm. Council Chambers Building 100 Curtin University

Contact Gabby Haddow, g.haddow@curtin.edu.au

27 October

NewGrads in the Pub

Contact Matthias Liffers matthias.liffers@gmail.com

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