



Ngā mihi mahana kia koutou  
katoa, Greetings to you all.

## In this issue:

Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin highlights two Intensive Literacy and Numeracy (ILN) programmes that are meeting the needs of their community.

An ACE Aotearoa award recognises Carol Glamuzina for 28 years of work in the adult and community education sector.

A recent article in The Dominion Post highlights the finding in the 2014 OECD study of adult skills that 'close to half of those surveyed make it only to level two in a scale that runs to five.' Perspectives from workplace (ITF), employers, tertiary institutes, ministry of education, and practitioners are shared, including insights from Literacy Aotearoa Te Tumuaki (CEO) Bronwyn Yates.

On the back page there are links to videos for tips on using Office 365 and to information about upcoming events. Mauri Ora.

## Intensive Literacy & Numeracy ILN

ILN programmes are delivered face-to-face and are learner-centred to meet individual learner needs, in short frequent blocks or longer, fewer blocks of tuition. Each ILN learner is expected to receive a minimum of 80 and is funded for up to 300 hours of tuition, broken into at least five and no more than 20 hours per week. [More...](#)

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## Intensive Literacy and Numeracy (ILN) in Dunedin

Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin is currently delivering ILN programmes, one day a week for five hours, for 20 weeks. Literacy Aotearoa Co-Manager Sandy McKay highlights two of these groups...

### Men's Communication Group

In collaboration with CCT (Community Care Trust) ten learners are enrolled in the Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin's 'Men's Communication' course. The group is made up of men in their 40s, 50s and beyond, which can sometimes be a forgotten sector of society. The men who attend this group tell us it is 'the highlight of my week'.

The course focuses on communication and seeks to develop speaking and listening skills in a group setting. This also involves learners gaining some understanding of social skills like taking turns and listening to others while discussing various topical issues.

As well as working on basic literacy the tutors also encourage the men to think about issues of interest and to develop their own opinions.

*"There is a lot of critical literacy going on," says lead tutor Maryann Bayley.*

The tutors use movies, YouTube clips and newspapers to stimulate discussion. Maryann has been taking this ILN class for four years.



Men's Communication Group - Dunedin

"During that time I have seen significant changes in the men. Although their literacy and numeracy levels are low," she says, "their critical literacy improves significantly, along with their confidence. They are able to see that there may be different points of view to any issue and that they are allowed to form their own opinions. For some this can be quite a revelation."

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### *The Men's Communication Group, continued...*

Last week the group looked at the issue of Global Warming.

"We looked at the evidence for it and who was likely to be on the 'pro' side and who might not agree. We looked at why people come to the conclusions they come to."

There is always a lot of laughs and learning as the men come to accept the opinions of others and to appreciate

that they can have opinions of their own.

Another focus of the programme is to take the men into the community and increase their awareness of the place where they live. To this end the men recently participated in a photography session that involved heading down to the Octagon for a photo shoot. They were encouraged to take photographs of things they saw. The photos were then printed out, put together and made into a hanging mobile.

### *Skills for Life - Youth Group - Dunedin*

The 'Skills for Life - Youth Group' is another ILN-funded programme run at Literacy Aotearoa Dunedin. Currently there are 12 learners in the group which meets for five hours on a Wednesday.

The group began as a collaboration with 'Switch' (part of Idea Services), for a group of young people with goals around readiness to enter the workforce. The learners are highly enthusiastic and obviously enjoy the friendly, humour-filled atmosphere created by lead tutors Maryanne Symons and Elspeth MacLean.

As one of the learners said, "The tutors are friendly and we laugh a lot and I really like how we get to learn new things."

The tutors work hard to create a programme that combines reading, writing and numeracy in the context of practical activities that are relevant to the young people's lives.

Several students are hoping to get their learner licence by the end of the course and all enjoy having a go at cooking, budgeting and computing activities. They also learn about communication skills and building relationships.

Another focus of the group is helping learners become more aware of community, national and global issues in a comfortable and relevant way. This can include anything from discussions about the royal wedding, to the closing of the South Dunedin Hub to the ethics around tobacco advertising.

The tutors plan problem-solving activities that encourage the students to become more independent



*Skills for Life - Youth Group - Dunedin*

in their thinking and in their ability to do everyday tasks. They also focus on very specific problems around things like reading labels, understanding instructions and interpreting rules.

The group has recently had some fun considering various theoretical 'ethical' dilemmas.

For example, last week one of the questions was: "You find \$1,000 in the pages of a library book - what are you going to do?"

The aim is for the learners to think independently, to challenge their own thinking and to consider other points of view.

One of the tutors, Bill, says, "I think some of our learners have had a lifetime of people helping them and our goal is to give them time and space to learn to do things for themselves."





## ACE Aotearoa Award

### Tangata Tiriti: Educator of the Year 2018

Congratulations to Carol Glamuzina (formerly Atkin) on receiving the ACE Aotearoa 'Tangata Tiriti: Educator of the Year' award. Over the past 28 years Carol has been a literacy tutor, a tutor trainer, a co-ordinator, a board member, a quality assurance manager, business development manager, and writer of funding applications.



All these skills she now puts to good use in her current role as Community Engagement Manager at Ranui Action Project in West Auckland. As well as that role, Carol still keeps her hand in as a literacy tutor at Literacy Waitākere.

Photos from the ACE Aotearoa Conference are on the [ACE Aotearoa Facebook page](#).

## 'We are barely functioning, literally'

Rob Mitchell, 16/06/18 Dominion Post

*"...If you're reading this and make it beyond the opening paragraphs, congratulations. You're regarded as functionally literate and capable of fully engaging in society."*

"Sadly you represent a group that numbers barely above half the population. According to international research, the other 43 per cent are literate enough for day-to-day living but will survive rather than thrive; they will literally function and little else," reports Rob Mitchell (Dominion Post).

The article includes interviews with Te Tumuaki Bronwyn Yates, ITF Chief Executive Josh Williams, and others from workplaces, universities and Ministry of Education. They discuss NCEA assessments, the skills of school leavers, the impact on productivity in the workplace and the wellbeing of the 43 percent mentioned above.

Bronwyn Yates says, "If you come out of school with insufficient skills, and you come out of school not feeling sufficiently prepared to go into a job or further education, the question people need to ask is, is this right?"

"For over a million New Zealanders . . . who fit into that area of not having sufficient literacy skills to cope with everyday tasks and demands, they went to school with the expectation [of success]."



There are many reasons why we are not meeting that, she says.

"It might be that they are not ready to learn when they come to school, might be that they have physical issues, it might be the way they are being taught is wrong for them... and the ability to be responsive to everybody's particular needs is limited by the resource that we provide them in schools."

More acceptance and support of the strugglers would help.

"You have people who don't want to be exposed as people who need to improve their literacy and numeracy."

"They're highly contributing, they're taxpayers, they're doing their bit in terms of growing healthy children, but they are more likely to experience less positive outcomes in a range of things."

To read the full article, go to:  
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/national/education/104111160/we-are-barely-functioning-literally>





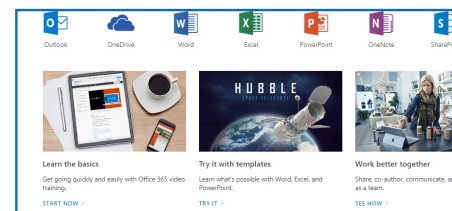


## Learning Links

### Using Office 365

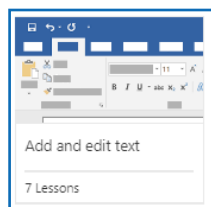
Literacy Aotearoa personnel throughout the country are connected through Office 365. Every eligible user has access to many apps including the online Microsoft suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Outlook (Mail), Calendar, SharePoint – the location of the Literacy Aotearoa Intranet).

Links to videos on [Office 365 basics video training](#) can show you how to learn more in less than a minute...



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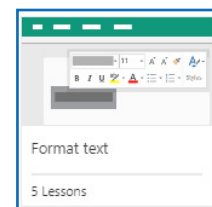
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## What's coming up in 2018?

### Hōngongoi (July)



**Literacy Aotearoa:  
Te Hui ā Tau (AGM) &  
National Planning Hui (NPH)**  
21 Hōngongoi (July) 2018, Auckland

**ACE Aotearoa professional  
development workshop:**  
From 'pretty-dodgy' to 'better-gogy' -  
improving the teaching quality in the  
ACE Sector  
27 Hōngongoi (July) 2018, Lower Hutt.

[Click here to register online.](#)

The workshop is fully funded by the  
Tertiary Education Commission so there  
is no cost to attend.

### Here turi kōkā (August)

**Tuia Te Ako**  
Ararau: Vocational Pathways to Māori  
Learner Success  
1-3 Here turi kōkā (August) 2018,  
Vodafone Events Centre, Manukau  
[More...](#)

**27<sup>th</sup> National Vocational Education  
and Training Research Conference  
'No Frills'**  
Co-hosted with Ako Aotearoa and the  
Industry Training Federation  
15-17 Here turi kōkā (August) 2018,  
Sydney  
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### Mahuru (September)

**Festival of Adult Learning  
Ahurei Ākonga**  
3-9 Mahuru (September) 2018  
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**Pacific Tertiary Education Forum**  
6-7 Mahuru (September) 2018,  
Victoria University Wellington  
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**International Literacy Day**  
8 Mahuru (September) 2018  
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**ACAL Conference: Learning in  
Diverse Communities**  
12-14 Mahuru (September) 2018,  
Melbourne  
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