

MEDIA EVENT ALERT

ADULT LEARNERS WEEK LAUNCH 2021

Adult Learners Week is a UNESCO initiative supported by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Skills and Employment and run each year in the first week of September.

Adult Learners Week promotes events held around Australia and online that engage or re-engage people in lifelong learning and highlights opportunities for people to connect with a wide variety of adult learning programs.

Any adult education and training organisation can get involved in Adult Learners Week including neighbourhood houses, community centres, libraries, training organisations, local governments, Aboriginal learning cooperatives, employers, not-for-profit organisations, workplaces, men's sheds, U3As, community colleges, TAFE colleges and universities.

Our theme – Change Your Story

This year's theme for Adult Learners Week – Change Your Story — promotes the idea that people can take their lives in a new direction, make a fresh start and create a new future through adult education. With social distancing requirements in place, some organisations will be offering additional online courses and activities.

To find out more, or to find a local event, visit adultlearnersweek.org.

Our launch

The ALW launch is hosted by comedian and author Catherine Deveny. The Adult Learners Week scholarship recipients for 2021 will also be announced.

WHO:

Speakers will include:

- **Simon Fenech** – Fruit2Work – who support people impacted by the justice system to get their lives back on track through education and employment.
- **Lana Masterson** – Down The Track – who support marginalised young people in the small town of Lake Cargelligo through mentorship, practical education, training and employment.
- **Ian Roberts** – former rugby league champion turned actor – who will share his personal struggle with literacy.

Performances

- **Joe Geia** – renowned First Nations singer-songwriter
- **Paco Lara** – acclaimed Spanish flamenco guitarist

WHEN: Wednesday 1 September 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 pm AEST

WHERE: To register for this free online event: <https://tinyurl.com/ALWLaunch2021>

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