Initial announcement: save the date!

'No future for old VET': Researching for the training system/s of tomorrow

Monday-Tuesday 17th-18th June 2019, Parramatta, Sydney

The conference is being held at the state of the art, "vertical campus" of Western Sydney University and University College (RTO) next to Parramatta Railway Station. It is less than 40 minutes by rail from Sydney Airport.

It is well-recognised that current rapid economic and industrial developments, as well as changes in society, are affecting the demands placed upon VET systems both in Australia and elsewhere. As well, the Australian VET system has had internal challenges which need addressing. To meet all of these challenges, and to plan strategically for the future, a strong research base is needed. This AVETRA conference will bring together VET researchers and those interested in using research to inform policy and practice, to discuss and debate these vital matters.

The conference will commence with a range of researcher capability workshops including workshops for emerging, mid-career and established VET researchers, on the morning of 17th June; with the remainder of the conference devoted to keynote and plenary sessions, and parallel sessions of research-based papers.

Abstract submissions

The call for research-based papers will be made soon. Topic streams (to be confirmed) will be: The other ‘E’ in VET (equity, social justice and marginalised learners); Teaching, Learning and Curriculum; Theorising VET; The ongoing debate about CBT; Industry and workplace training; Regulation, governance and policy-making; VET for industry 4.0, for new forms of employment, and for a globalised labour market.

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