

Your invitation to participate in a Community of Practice (CoP) hosted by Inclusion Training

Inclusion Melbourne is Victoria's oldest day service for adults with an intellectual disability. We believe that people with a disability should be able to live in an inclusive community, supported by people who genuinely care for them, and have the same opportunities to participate in community life. Inclusion Melbourne's Registered Training Organisation, Inclusion Training focuses on the education and social development of students, so as to prepare them for further study, employment and participation in the community. We operate our RTO in a number of locations, for different age groups and needs, using both pre-accredited and accredited training models.

Inclusion Melbourne has received funding from the Adult Community Further Education Board to develop and run an innovative Community of Practice for trainers working with adults who have an intellectual disability.

What is a Community of Practice?

A Community of Practice (CoP) is designed for professionals in the same sector to collaborate, network, share ideas and learn together. Our CoP will include eight network meetings and four professional development sessions. The main aim of this CoP is to support participants to develop high quality training practices, and support learners to achieve strong learning outcomes.

All network meetings and professional development sessions will be designed by the participants themselves, so that everyone leaves with meaningful, relevant knowledge and skills.

This CoP will take an 'Action Learning' approach, that is, we will be discussing in the network meetings some key issues or areas of improvement, then developing the professional development meetings around those needs. The following network meetings will be used to discuss how participants have implemented those new strategies and/or approaches and to what effects.

Who's invited to participate?

Our CoP is designed to support trainers who teach pre-accredited training to adults with an intellectual disability. Having a CoP for this specific group of trainers will provide the CoP with a strong focus on key issues that trainers in this area can encounter.

When will the COP start?

Our CoP is going to run between November 2015 and September 2016. The first network meeting will be scheduled for early December. The dates and times for the network meetings and professional development sessions will be discussed and diarised during the first network meeting.

Where are the network meetings and professional development sessions?

All meetings and professional development sessions will be held at the Inclusion Melbourne office, in Armadale. We also have remote access technology available if any participants can't make it to the venue.

