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**1. 'Collaborative Education: Investing in the future'  
ACEN National Conference**

**The Nation's Premier WIL Conference - Register Now**

29 October to 2 November 2012

Deakin Waterfront Campus • Geelong, Victoria



The conference website provides links to hotel, motel and serviced apartment accommodation. Rates have been negotiated by the conference committee to ensure the most affordable options are available over the duration of the conference and, in most circumstances, for both weekends either side of the conference.

Register now  
(discounts for members and early birds)



## 2. ACEN Student Scholarships 2012 • update

This year the scholarships focussed on students who were doing their WIL placement in rural and remote locations which required students to relocate from their home address.

Over 160 applications were received by the closing date (April 14) and short-listed applicants will be asked to provide two pages of information supporting their scholarly achievement during the WIL placement.

Successful applicants will be notified by August 2012.

## 3. ACEN Research Grants 2012 • update

ACEN aims to foster research and scholarship initiatives in Work Integrated Learning (WIL) by endorsing research and scholarship proposals and identifying and advancing WIL research and scholarship in priority areas.

In 2012 ACEN is offering funding for two research grants of up to \$10,000 each to conduct an investigation into either

- resourcing work integrated learning, or
- addressing equity issues in work integrated learning.

Applications closed on April 20, 2012.

## 4. LinkedIn with ACEN

ACEN is preparing to offer members a chance to be part of LinkedIn group where you can share your thoughts and explore new ideas about Work Integrated Learning.

We'll invite you and all you'll need to do is accept the offer when it arrives (if you wish to be part of the network of course).

## 5. ACEN Board news

### ACEN appointment

Nicole Manapol, Charles Darwin University, has been co-opted to fill the vacancy following the resignation of Lisa Westcott from the Board. We welcome Nicole who will serve until the Annual General Meeting.

### ACEN structure

The ACEN Board sought legal advice and are now actively considering moving from an incorporated association in Queensland to a national company limited by guarantee (the recommended structure for not-for-profit national associations).

More on this as details emerge.

### ACEN Changes

National Director, Judie Kay has taken up a position as Assistant Director Careers and Employment at RMIT.

## 6. Project updates

ACEN is involved with two projects of importance to the WIL field.

### **Leading WIL: Distributed leadership approach to enhance Work Integrated Learning**

Data capture has commenced, with academics in the fields of Business and Tourism at the University of Western Sydney contributing their views on WIL Leadership generously, in the first of the Focus Group discussions.

To provide breadth of information from these Focus Groups and interviews a wide range of disciplines is being targeted across the Partner Universities (Griffith, Central Queensland, Deakin, Victoria and Western Sydney Universities), and a wide spread of staff and industry employers identified for participation. The richness of the data will enable the Project Team to profile the nature of WIL Leadership, and to document the nature of the challenges WIL Leaders face, and a range of strategies to build and support WIL Leadership.

### **Assessing the Impact of Work Integrated Learning (WIL) on Student Work Readiness**

Recent steps include:

1. Research activity:
  - a. The literature is being surveyed focusing especially on the operationalization and measurement of “work-readiness”.
  - b. Sources of undergraduate data from a wide range of disciplines and WIL types are being identified in 13 participating Universities.
  - c. With ethics approvals, interviews with Griffith alumni on the impact of their WIL experience have commenced.
2. The Project Team’s activities:
  - a. A face-to-face full Project Team meeting is being held on May 4, to enable the Project to benefit from the substantial expertise of the representatives of the thirteen participating universities.
  - b. Invitations to serve on the Project’s Reference Group are going out to national and international WIL field experts, including ACEN’s nominee, Dr Deborah Peach, and representatives from stakeholder employer and student organisations are being sought. This Reference Group will provide high level strategic advice and guidance to the Project Leaders, as needed.
3. Dissemination activities:
  - a. A [Project website](#) has been established
  - b. Members of the Team will disseminate aspects of the Project’s work at the 2012 WACE conference in Istanbul.
  - c. An abstract for a paper has also been accepted for ACEN 2012.

## 7. ACEN Research Symposium

The ACEN Research Symposium 2012 will be held just prior to the Conference on October 29 at Victoria University. Designed for those people already engaged in researching aspects of work integrated learning, it will take the form of a workshop where participants will collaborate to develop research proposals for the future.

The Outcomes of the Symposium will be presented to delegates at the 2012 ACEN National Conference.

[More](#)

## 8. ACEN events

### **WA**

ACEN WA are hosting an event facilitated by Stephen Billett.

## Curriculum and pedagogic Practices for Work-integrated Learning

The event will be held at Murdoch University on 29th May from 9am to 1.30pm. This session promises to tackle some of the more challenging issues with embedding work-integrated learning in the curriculum.

Free to ACEN members ([see list of member institutions](#))

[More](#)

## NSW/ACT

The NSW/ACT Chapter of ACEN will be holding another fantastic forum:

### Ethical Practices in Work Integrated Learning

Date/Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm, Monday 14 May 2012

Venue: University of Canberra

Registration and Program: <http://acennswforum.weebly.com/>

Cost: FREE for all staff from member universities ([see list of member institutions](#)); \$110 for non-members

Attendees will be advised about an informal dinner on Sunday 13 May which will provide an opportunity to network and make professional connections.

For any enquiries please contact Freny Tayebjee, Chair NSW/ACT Chapter of ACEN ([f.tayebjee@uws.edu.au](mailto:f.tayebjee@uws.edu.au))

## 9. 'Internships for all students, government review urges' (The Wilson Review UK)

*'All undergraduates should be offered 10 to 12 week internships to improve their employability, according to a government-commissioned review of links between universities and business.'*

*The 'Review of Business-University Collaboration' by Sir Tim Wilson, former vice-chancellor of the University of Hertfordshire, has also called for funding incentives to expand the number of sandwich courses in industry.'*

Source: [Times Higher Education](#) (UK)

The [Wilson Review](#) (Review of Business-University Collaboration) says ...

'Since 2003 there has been a huge change in both the quantum and the quality of business–university collaboration. This change has not only been stimulated by government funding initiatives but also by a growing realisation, within both business and universities, of the central role of universities in providing high-level skills, a world-class research base and a culture of inquiry and innovation. Universities are an integral part of the supply chain to business—a supply chain that has the capability to support business growth and therefore economic prosperity. However, a sustainable supply chain is not a simple linear supplier–purchaser model; strength and resilience in such a supply chain is derived from close collaboration and an understanding of each party's priorities and capabilities. The objective is to attain world leadership in business–university collaboration; improvements need to be made in the supply chain to attain that status.'

Read the [Wilson Review](#)

## 10. CAFCE webinar

ACEN has joined a trial international webinar series to be hosted by [CAFCE](#) (Canadian Association for Co-operative Education)

### 'International WIL Exchanges

**Everything you need to know to help students with an International Job search:  
A Canadian Perspective'**

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Monday, May 07, 2012

1:00 - 2:30pm Pacific Standard Time (Vancouver)

NOTE: This is 6am Australia Eastern Standard Time on the 4th May 2012

and even earlier in the West!

Check your local time at [www.timeanddate.com/](http://www.timeanddate.com/)

FEE: \$CDN 75 per connection (As many people as can fit in the room can view the webinar)

Contact [ACEN](#) for a registration form.

## 11. Other events

### HE Student Self-Assessment in Core Skills for Employment

ACEN members are invited to participate in a Focus Group session for DEEWR, reviewing the usefulness and functionality of a draft HE Student Self-Assessment in Core Skills for Employment.

The focus groups will be conducted at the University of Melbourne, Faculty of Business & Economics, Level 5, 198 Berkeley St, Parkville on -

Session One: Monday 14th 2-3:30pm Room 513

Session Two: Monday 14th 4-5:30pm Room 513

Session Three: Monday 14th May 6:30-8:00pm via Adobe Connect Web Conferencing

Session Four: Tuesday 15th 10-11am. Room 513

Please register your interest (indicating which session) with Sue Elston, WIL Co-ordinator, Business & Economics Careers Centre [s.elston@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:s.elston@unimelb.edu.au) by Friday 11th May.

### Service Learning Summit postponed

Australia's second service learning summit to be held on May 18, has been postponed until December 5 and 6, 2012. December 5 will be organised as a workshop day including visits to not-for-profit organisations where students are doing service learning placements. The symposium will be held on December 6 with an optional additional workshop breakfast. December 5 is the United Nations International Volunteer Day, and will be the date of future service learning summits.

For information and registration of interest to attend, email [sl-summit@griffith.edu.au](mailto:sl-summit@griffith.edu.au)

### ACTS International Conference & 2012 Green Gown Awards Australasia

Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability

**Brisbane, Queensland, 26-28 September 2012**

[Details](#)

### 2012 CAFCE Conference "Higher Learning. Hire Aspirations"

Whistler Village, British Columbia, Canada from **July 29 – August 1, 2012!**

[Details](#)

### 2012 WACE's 9th International Conference on Cooperative & Work-Integrated Education "Where East Meets West and Theory Meets Practice"

**June 20-22, 2012**

Hosted by: Bahcesehir University - Istanbul, Turkey

[Details](#)

## 12. Position vacant • Work Integrated Learning Consultant

Monash University, Clayton campus

Full-time, fixed-term appointment until 31 December 2013

Remuneration: \$77,338 - \$84,825 pa HEW Level 07 (includes 9% employer superannuation)

[More details](#)

Closing Date: Sunday 29 April 2012, 11:55pm AEST

## 13. You can contribute too

Space permitting, in this newsletter we'll share news about state, national and international events,

research, projects, position vacancies and more. Submit material by the 10th of each month for distribution a few days later.

## 14. Contact us

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