2026 VicTESOL Symposium

From research to the classroom:

Putting theory into practice

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Adult Sector Forum

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1.20 – 2.05pm

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An opportunity for those interested to come together and discuss the adult sector and AMEP delivery

Overview of the session

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This is a forum to share best practice, helpful insights and practical strategies to best meet the needs of adult EAL learners in a challenging policy environment.

Goal: build awareness of key issues and options for action

To achieve this we'll examine

1. Challenging environments (helpful insights) (us)
2. Learner needs (practical strategies) (you)
3. Next steps (best practice) (both)

1. Challenging environment (helpful insights)

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a) **The new AMEP Business Model**: eligibility and childcare
b) **New Skills & TAFE Minister in Victoria**: Skills First funding, fees, foundation skills obligations, consultation
c) **VET Qualifications reform**: implications for EAL
d) **EAL Framework**: mid cycle review, changes to course responsibility
e) **Quality Assurance**: AMEP and new ASQA Standards 2025
f) **Adult Sector Advisory Group (ASAG)**: workforce shortages
g) **Technology**: AI and hybrid
h) **The political discourse**: immigration and social cohesion

2. Learner needs (practical strategies)

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a) How have learner needs been changing?
b) What techniques and resources have been effective in responding to these changes?

- Brainstorm at tables (individuals)
- Put results on sheets and discuss (tables)
- Circulate and discuss (whole group)

3. Next steps (best practice)

a) Recap key issues and actions
b) Collate and publish your contributions on the VicTESOL website
c) Keep the conversation going!

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