

Lifelong learning and community education create a fairer Australia

We believe that all Australians must have access to the benefits of lifelong learning as a means to a more just and equitable Australia.

We are calling for a federal government commitment to a national lifelong learning policy that outlines economic and social goals; integrates equity and efficiency, and defines roles and responsibilities for community, business and all levels of government.

The national lifelong learning policy must include an adult literacy strategy that prioritises language, literacy, numeracy and digital literacy in various contexts, including workplaces. It must also have a strong focus on socially and economically marginalised Australians.

A lifelong learning policy would support the government to meet its international commitment to the sustainable development goals and contribute to civil society.

We are also calling for a renewed Ministerial Declaration on Adult Community Education (ACE), which recognises the sector as an indispensable component of the post-secondary education system.

The federal government must invest in and recognise ACE's role in attracting and supporting key equity groups; providing pathways to further education, training and employment, and in promoting health, wellbeing and social connection.



with endorsement from partners



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