



ALCN Learning Forum – Capturing the Learners Voice – 28 March 2025

# Acknowledgement of Country

I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners on the lands from which we all come today, and where learning takes place across Australia and globally.



## Setting the Scene

*Think of a time when learning transformed your life or someone from your community.*

*What made that experience so powerful?*

**Today's session will:**

1. explore **innovative ways to capture learner voices,**
2. share **successful case studies,** and
3. exchange **practical ideas!**

# Celebrating Learner Stories

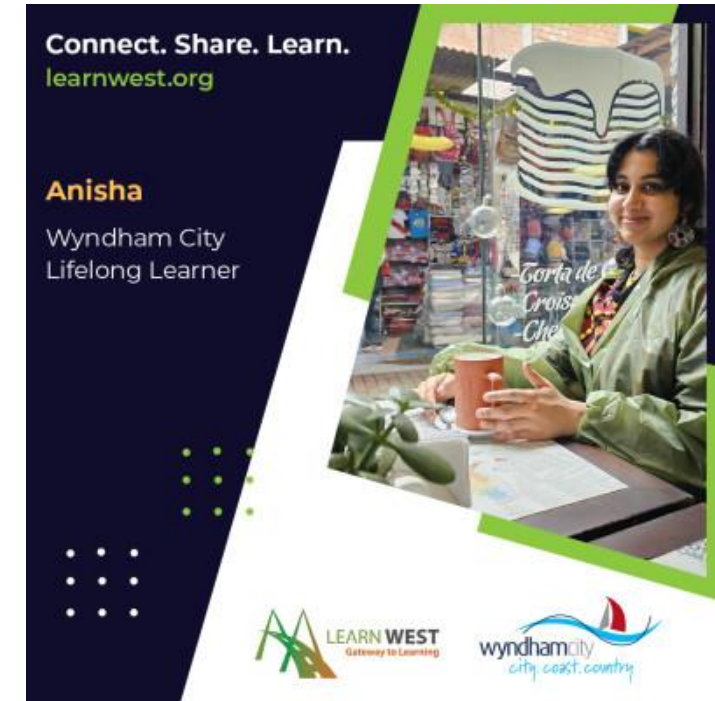
## The LearNWest Learner Stories Project



**What:** A storytelling initiative to showcase diverse learning journeys

**Why:** inspire; influence, impact inclusive learning initiatives

**Reflect:** How can you better integrate learner voices into your program design to make learning more inclusive and impactful?



# LET'S CHAT!

## Interactive Discussions



How do you currently capture and share learner stories in your work?



What challenges do you face in gathering authentic learner voices?



How can storytelling be used to encourage more participation in learning programs?

# Learning for Earning in Lockdown:

# Insights & Outcomes



Learning for Earning Generic Poster and Signature Forum Event Posters

*Reflect: How can we adapt and scale successful employment-focused learning models like **Learning for Earning** to meet evolving workforce needs?*

**Festival aimed to:**

upskill, explore career pathways, discover opportunities.

**2021: Over 30 separate events**

**2022: curated model, focusing on three flagship online forums**

- 1. Opportunities in the West
- 2. Meet the Major Employers
- 3. Careers in Local Government

**Key Outcomes:**

476 registrations, 230 active participants, 19 expert presenters.

Strong engagement across Councils, education providers, and industries.

**Lessons Learned:**

**Curated, targeted events = better engagement**

**Collaboration between Councils, learning hubs, and industry = impact**

**Learner-driven content = higher participation and relevance.**



# Interactive Discussions

## LET'S CHAT!



How can we ensure learning programs remain adaptable to changing workforce needs?



What are the most effective ways to connect learners with employment opportunities?



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# Student Intern Program with RMIT – A Case Study

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*Reflect: What strategies can ensure student placements are meaningful for both students and organisations, creating long-term benefits for lifelong learning initiatives?*

### Why Student Placements?

- ❑ Connects academic knowledge with real-world learning projects

### Lessons Learned:

- ❑ Students enriches research, evaluation, and storytelling = more impact.
- ❑ Strong connections between learning networks/academic institutions = fosters collaboration.
- ❑ Build stronger ties between learning networks and higher education.
- ❑ Young professionals bring **fresh perspectives!**

## Interactive Discussions

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How can student placements contribute to capturing and sharing learner voices?



What strategies can we use to engage students in lifelong learning initiatives?



How can learning practitioners better support students during placements?



*" When we listen to learners, we create learning pathways that truly reflect community needs and aspirations. By working together, we can ensure these pathways are shaped by those who matter most – the learners themselves"*

- **Why:** Capturing learner voices strengthens **engagement, policy, and program design.**
- **What:** Examples like **LearNWest, Learning for Earning, and RMIT internships** show practical ways to amplify these voices.
- **How:** Using **collaboration, storytelling, digital tools, and student engagement** to enhance lifelong learning pathways.

- ✓ **Encourage collaboration:** We can work together to capture more learner voices.
- ✓ **Implement strategies:** What tools and approaches can you take away from today?
- ✓ **Keep the conversation going:** Connect with ALCN, LearNWest, and other learning networks.

Let's unleash the power of learning cities!

**Coming  
Up:**

- 20 May: AGM with guest speaker Hannah Pia Baral, CEO, ACE Aotearoa, NZ.
- **Looking forward to seeing you at future events!**

