

# SUPPORTING STUDENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN YOUR CLASS

For students with Dyslexia and other Learning Difficulties

Be the institute that makes a difference! Understanding the particular learning needs of a few will help all your students

*A workshop for Teachers and Tutors at Institutes of Further Education: Colleges and TAFES*

## *Who is this workshop for?*

This workshop is for teachers and tutors covering any type of class whether it is plumbing, Early Childhood, VCAL or Business Management.

## *Why Should I attend?*

There will be a number of students in your classes who have some type of Specific Learning Difficulty. They have faced years of feeling 'stupid' or inadequate because their needs were not met. Learn how you can support these students

## *Is this Just about Students with Dyslexia?*

Dyslexia is the most common learning difficulty however strategies and approaches that suit them will suit students with other learning disabilities

**Workshop outline:** This workshop will be practical and will provide many ideas, approaches and resources that you can use immediately with your students.

## **Workshop content includes:**

- How to recognise dyslexia and other LDs in your class
- What are the specific challenges faced by people with Learning Difficulties
- The range of strategies students can use to overcome their learning difficulties
- How you can support students in class and enable them to reach their potential
- Tools and Technologies to help students access the curriculum and demonstrate their understanding
- Lots of ideas and practical activities to support learners
- Useful websites with free resources to support the teacher and the students

*Workshops can be tailored to meet the individual needs and can be offered throughout Victoria and Interstate*

## **Testimonies**

It was a great pleasure to work with such committed professionals. We have been overwhelmed with the positive, fulsome praise from the workshop participants. I think teachers are hungry for high quality and relevant content delivered in a warm and thoughtful way. You are both outstanding presenters, but I'm sure this is not the first time you've heard this! *Anne Bambrook -Team Leader for the Student Services Dept. Chisholm TAFE.*

The most fascinating and informative workshop I have ever attended; I hung on every word, so great, fantastic trainers. *VA Frankston Workshop*



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#### **Karen Starkiss**

Karen is the owner of Dyslexia Assessments & Support Services. She has over 30 years of experience as a teacher, and an assessor of dyslexic learners, both children and adults. Karen provides training to schools, TAFEs and employers on creating inclusive learning environments. Karen has been interviewed by the Age & on ABC radio about her expertise in dyslexia & has advised A Government Task Force in Canberra about students with LD. Karen has also worked with the Education team in the ACT & Northern Territories, to put together a program to help all schools and colleges become inclusive & accessible to all students, providing training for Expert & Lead teachers & professionals.

#### **Cheryl Dobbs**

Cheryl Dobbs is an Independent Consultant and Trainer who specialises in the use of digital technologies to support literacy and learning. With a background in teaching children and adults with diverse needs across a range of mainstream and specialist educational settings, educational software development and her own experience in academic research, Cheryl brings over thirty years of experience to her practical presentations and workshops. She currently supports students, parents and other professionals in their exploration and use of technologies to address specific needs and to empower independent learning. She presents at conferences, facilitates workshops and contributes to publications.



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