The Victorian Deaf Education Institute
2012 Professional Learning Program
SAVE THE DATE!

Speech and language workshops

Accredited ELKLAN speech and literacy support program for educational support staff who provide oral language and literacy support in classrooms.

DATES: Mon 30 January 2012 from 9am-4pm and Wed 29 February 2012 from 9am-4pm

LOCATION: Metro: Melbourne at The VDEI Learning Centre, the Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road (Video relay may be available upon request)

PRESENTER: Helen Harrington-Johnson, experienced speech pathologist, audiologist and accredited ELKLAN trainer. Helen has wide clinical experience in the paediatric fields of hearing impairment, multiple disability and autism within early intervention and with school age children.

Please note the ELKLAN workshops are now FULL. Due to popular demand we will be running more workshops later in the year. Please email your expressions of interest for workshops to be run in your city and country locations to vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au

Auslan in the classroom

Workshops for educational support (ES) staff who provide Auslan in classrooms

DATES: January Mon 30 (Metro) – Tues 31 (Bendigo)
       June Fri 22 (Metro) – Sat 23 (Bendigo)
       September Fri 7 (Bendigo) – Sat 8 (Metro)
       December Thurs 6 (Metro) - Fri 7 (Bendigo) – dates to be confirmed

LOCATIONS: Metro: Melbourne at The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road
           Regional: Bendigo Deaf Facility TBC
           (Video relay may be available upon request)

ASLIA Vic has sourced the highest calibre of presenters from all over Australia to deliver this program.

This program is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the Australian Sign Language Interpreters’ Association (ASLIA Vic).

To register please email Michelle Ashley at education@asliavic.com.au or Phone/SMS 0414 490 269
Mentoring for professionals

Workshops for educational support (ES) staff working with children using sign language

**DATE:** Jan – Dec 2012

**LOCATION:** The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

Fortnightly contact (two hours) between the allocated mentor (one of ASLIA Vic’s professionally accredited staff) and ES staff at each facility across four terms (Feb - Dec 2012).

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*Please note this program is full for 2012. Please express your interest to vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au for 2013.*

From language to literacy

Examining outcomes for deaf and hard of hearing learners.

**DATE:** Friday 23 March 2012  **TIME:** 9am – 4pm  **LOCATION:** The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

**PRESENTER:** Greg Leigh is the Director of the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC) Renwick Centre, Conjoint Professor of Education at The University of Newcastle, NSW and Chairman of the Australasian Newborn Hearing Screening Committee. Please see attached flyer for more details.

**ABOUT THE PRESENTATION:** There continues to be high levels of variability among deaf and hard of hearing children in regard to their literacy development outcomes. Notably, there continues to be a higher incidence of reading comprehension difficulties among deaf and hard of hearing readers. This workshop considers a number of models of reading to argue for the appropriateness of adopting an “interactive model” and examines the factors that may account for differential outcomes among deaf and hard of hearing readers. Please see website for detailed course description.

This event is a collaboration between The Victorian Deaf Education Institute and The RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW

*Please note this workshop is now FULL.*
Improving literacy through technology

DATE: Thursday 29 March 2012 TIME: 9am – 4pm LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

PRESENTER: Greg O’Connor is the Professional and Consultant Services Manager at Spectronics and has been actively involved in the field of special education for 30 years. He is passionately committed to the use of assistive and instructional technologies to support the learning of ALL students in school and post school settings.

PRESENTATION: Students with learning difficulties, disabilities, and students for whom English is not their first language, struggle with the literacy requirements of secondary school. Assistive technology plays a key role in removing literacy barriers and providing compensatory tools to accommodate their learning needs. Participants will leave with an up-to-date understanding of the range of assistive technology literacy support tools available to students in schools and much more. Please see website for detailed course description.

Please RSVP by COB Wed 21 March 2012. Send an email with ‘Greg O’Connor’ in the subject line with your contact details to: vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au

Building resilience

DATE: Sunday 1 April 2012 TIME: 10am – 1pm LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

PRESENTER: Paul Kallaras is a psychologist who has worked at the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children. He has a particular interest in facilitating child and adolescent well-being, having completed his own research on the impact of socio-economic status on adolescent coping and self-concept.

PRESENTATION: Research has shown that children who are deaf or hard of hearing are more likely to encounter external stressors which affect mental health and well-being. How well an individual can negotiate life’s difficult times is largely determined by the individual’s resilience. Years of research have gone into understanding what makes people resilient. Clinical psychologist Lyn Worsley has brought this research together to create a simple, yet effective model for building resilience in young people – ‘The Resilience Doughnut’. The seminar is intended as an introductory overview of Lyn Worsley’s ‘Resilience Doughnut’.

This event is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW.

Reading and assessment

Sign bilingualism workshops

WORKSHOP 1

DATE: Friday 11 May 2012  TIME: 9am – 4pm  LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP: It’s all in their hands - supporting signing deaf children to read. This workshop draws on contemporary research and uses footage of deaf children reading to demonstrate strategies signing children use when they read and discusses how teachers can exploit sign language to make connections between Auslan and English.

WORKSHOP 2

DATE: Saturday 12 May 2012  TIME: 9am – 4pm  LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

ONE DAY WORKSHOP: It’s all in their hands - Assessing the reading skills of signing deaf children. This workshop uses video footage of deaf children reading to demonstrate the use of miscue analysis with signing children and how this can support the development of reading strategies in the sign bilingual environment.

PRESENTERS: Co-presented by Michelle Baker and Michelle Stark. Michelle Baker has been working as a teacher of the deaf for nearly twenty years. In 2005 she received the Qld Premier’s Award for Excellence in Teaching for her work in Sign Bilingualism. For the last five years, Michelle has been involved in the production and delivery of training around Sign Bilingual education for staff working with deaf children.

Michelle Stark is a qualified teacher of the deaf and professional sign language interpreter. She has worked with deaf children at all ages of schooling from the early years right through to the tertiary level. For the last two years she has been involved in the development and delivery of training around literacy and deaf children.

To register for either or both of these workshops, please send an email with ‘Michelle Baker’ in the subject line to vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au
Early intervention for children with hearing loss

DATE: 31 May 2012 - 1 June 2012 TIMES: 9am – 4.30pm LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

PRESENTERS: Dr Donald Goldberg, PhD, CCC-SLP/A, FAAA, Cert AVT, is Co-Director of the Head and Neck Institute’s Hearing Implant Program at Cleveland Clinic in the US. Dr Goldberg is a world leader in the assessment of infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-age children and adult patients who are deaf or hard of hearing and the auditory-based rehabilitation of patients who are recipients of unilateral or bilateral (both simultaneous and sequential) cochlear implants.

Sharon A. Sandridge, Ph.D. is currently Director, Audiology Clinical Services as well as the Co-Director, Tinnitus Management Clinic, and Co-Director, Audiology Research Lab (ARL) at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, in Cleveland, OH. Dr. Sandridge received her BA and MA from the University of Akron and her Ph.D. from the University of Florida. Her primary clinical and research interests are in the areas of amplification - including hearing aids and assistive technology; treatment of tinnitus; and electrophysiology - including neurodiagnostics, intraoperative monitoring and identification of children with hearing loss. She and her colleague, Dr. Craig Newman, have completed a number of funded research projects and have authored a number of articles in the areas of amplification, outcome studies, tinnitus and electrophysiology.

PRESENTATION: This two day workshop will look at current trends for children from birth to five years of age including:

- Trends in current hearing technology
- Trends in auditory assessment and functioning
- Creating an optimum listening environment
- Listening throughout the day
- Assessment of listening, language, speech and cognition
- Cognition and language
- Family-centred AV practice

This event is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW.

Healthy emotional development

A presentation highlighting tools and strategies on engagement and communication skills for parents and professionals

DATE: 21 June 2012  TIME: 7pm – 10pm  LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

PRESENTER: Dr Michael Carr-Gregg is one of Australia’s highest profile psychologists and leading speakers. He worked as an Associate Professor in the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne, before going into private practice. Dr Michael Carr-Gregg has written seven books, including the best-selling *Princess Bitchface Syndrome: How to survive teenage girls* (Penguin, 2007) and his most recent, *Surviving Step-Families* (Penguin, 2011).

To register please send an email with ‘Michael Carr-Gregg’ in the subject line with your contact details to: vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au

Clinical implications for teachers: plasticity, development and reorganisation of central auditory system in children with hearing impairment

PRESENTER: Professor Anu Sharma, Professor, Dept. of Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences at the University of Colorado at Boulder; Adjunct Professor, Dept. of Otolaryngology at the University of Colorado at Denver Health Science Center; and Adjunct Professor, University of Texas at Dallas, Callier Center for Communication Disorders.

DATE: 26 July 2012 (teaching professionals)  LOCATION: VDEI Learning Centre, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

This event is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW.


Clinical implications for audiologists: plasticity, development and reorganisation of central auditory system in children with hearing impairment:

DATE: 27 July 2012 (audiologists/speech pathologists only)  LOCATION: VDEI Learning Centre, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

This event is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW.

Bilingual education symposium

Symposium 1: streamed format featuring local and international speakers

This symposium will feature international speakers, Professor Bencie Woll and Ros Herman, as well as local speakers including Breda Carty, Adam Schembri, Michelle Baker and Michelle Stark. It will cover identity, pedagogy, assessment, curriculum and more.

DATE: 30 - 31 August 2012    TIME: 9am – 4.30pm

LOCATION: Streamed to VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne by our partners at the Renwick Centre, NSW.

This event is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW. To register: http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/courses/cpe_register.php?ID=147

Symposium 2: face to face format featuring international speakers

DATE: 3 - 4 September 2012    LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

This event is a collaboration between the Victorian Deaf Education Institute and the RIDBC Renwick Centre, NSW. To register: http://www.ridbc.org.au/renwick/courses/cpe_detail.php?ID=151

PRESENTERS: Professor Bencie Woll is Professor of Sign Language and Deaf Studies at University College London and also is the Director of the Deafness Cognition and Language Research Centre (DCAL), the largest centre in Europe in this field. Her research and teaching interests embrace a wide range of topics related to sign language.

Dr Rosalind Herman originally qualified as a Speech and Language Therapist and has specialised in work with Deaf clients for most of her professional career. She is based at City University London, where she lectures to trainee speech and language therapy students; runs the Sign Language Assessment Clinic, offering communication and literacy assessments to deaf child and adult BSL users and carries out research. Dr Ros Herman is a research associate at the Centre for Deafness, Cognition and Language Research at University College, London. Ros is currently leading a project investigating reading and dyslexia in deaf children. Please see website for bios of local speakers.
Writing and mathematics

Sign bilingualism workshops

WORKSHOP 1

DATE: Friday 9 – Sat 10 Nov 2012  TIME: Fri 9am – 3pm and Sat 9am – 12noon  LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

1.5 DAY WORKSHOP: With pen in hand - supporting signing deaf children to write. This workshop uses analysis of deaf children's written language samples and research around sign language acquisition to explain some of the idiosyncratic writing produced by students and then explores pedagogy to tackle these bilingually.

WORKSHOP 2

DATE: Sat 10 November 2012  TIME: 1pm – 3.30pm  LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne.

HALF DAY WORKSHOP: The sum of our digits - Giving consideration to how we sign mathematics when we teach deaf children. Signing mathematical concepts can often be challenging. This workshop explores ways to address these challenges by drawing on what we know about sign language and viewing signed video examples of various mathematical concepts.

PRESENTERS: Co-presented by Michelle Baker and Michelle Stark. Michelle Baker has been working as a teacher of the deaf for nearly twenty years. In 2005 she received the Qld Premier's Award for Excellence in Teaching for her work in Sign Bilingualism. For the last five years, Michelle has been involved in the production and delivery of training around Sign Bilingual education for staff working with deaf children.

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Visual phonics

Comprehensive two day literacy workshop covering language, reading and writing from a theoretical and practical standpoint, as well as literacy assessment strategies and visual phonics.

DATE: 15-16 November 2012  LOCATION: The VDEI Learning Centre, Victorian Deaf Education Institute, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

PRESENTERS:  Co-presented by Associate Professor Connie Mayer and Assistant Professor Beverly Trezek. Dr Mayer is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at York University in Toronto, cross appointed to the Graduate Program in Linguistics and Applied Linguistics.

Dr Beverly Trezek is an Assistant Professor in Literacy and Specialized Instruction at DePaul University, College of Education Department of Counseling and Special Education in Chicago.

To register please send an email with ‘Connie Mayer’ in the subject line to vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au

HOW TO REGISTER

Express your interest to participate in these sessions:

E: vdei@edumail.vic.gov.au

PAST DATES

Getting started with Ipads in deaf education

DATE: Thursday 15 February 2012 4-5pm  LOCATION: Online via Elluminate

PRESENTER: Sally Martin, Virtual Learning Project Manager, Victorian Deaf Education Institute

Captioning training for facilitators

DATE: Friday 3 February 2012  LOCATION: VDEI, 597 St Kilda Road, Melbourne

PRESENTER: Leonie Jackson, Head of Education Access, AI-Live. This event is by invitation only due to limited places available.

Applying for special provisions for inclusive learning

DATE: Thursday 9 February 2012 4-5pm  LOCATION: Online via Elluminate

PRESENTER: Marg Tope, Bendigo Deaf Facility