ALARA Australian Conference 2008
11-12 September 2008
Canberra, ACT

Sustainable futures in living, learning & working
About the Conference

The 2008 ALARA Australian Conference presents a unique opportunity for action learning and action research practitioners to come together in a broad and open forum that will focus on sustainable futures in living, learning and working.

The conference will adopt a format that maximises the potential for ongoing engagement, discussion and change using action learning and action research practices to do so. Central to this will be the use of active provocateurs that will incite, agitate and consolidate conference discussions. Abstracts and presented papers will be replaced by “catalyst papers”. These are one page statements about our conference theme in relationship to action learning and action research. The catalysts spark conference interactions, driving the event and benefitting from it. Catalyst papers become formal papers as a result of the conference should their authors want to proceed to publication in ALARj.

Whilst papers and presentations will be warmly welcome, first-time delegates and students engaged in action research will be particularly encouraged to present to enable new and emerging voices in these fields to actively contribute. Networked and online technologies will be used extensively before, during and after the conference to allow greater depth, broader dialogue and wider debate.

Conference Theme

The Whole Person: Sustainable futures in living, learning and working. Sub-themes focus on education, health, community and the environment.

The conference theme explores the encroachment of economic rationalist approaches to our work and life and its dominance in areas such as health and education particularly. This is often pursued at the expense of community development and wellbeing of individuals and families, not to mention workplaces and our educational institutions.
The central focus on sustainability concerns education (developing sustainable learning), community development (designing and developing sustainable communities) and environmental impacts (sustainable futures and technologies). This is not an exhaustive list, but outlines the intentions behind the theme, to develop the whole person. Our key interest is to use AR and AL approaches to explore this focus, and also ask how has the encroachment of economic rationalism and the rise of sustainability grown Action Research and Action Learning in Australia.

In this, the whole person requires attention to issues of health and wellbeing, work-life balance, investigation of the worker-learner, education for lifelong learning and tensions between individual and community, and economics and community.

About ALARA

The Action Learning Action Research and Process Management Association was founded in 1991 following an inaugural Research Symposium in Brisbane in 1989 and a first World Congress, also in Brisbane, in 1990. Since that time the organisation has held 7 World Congresses in Australian and International settings, numerous Australian national conferences, and local workshops and seminars for members and their networks.

Its members have produced 26 volumes of the Association’s Journal, established a part-time professional administration, and an on-line presence by means of the Association’s web page (http://ww.alara.net.au). ALARA has members throughout the world, who share a vision of a more just, peaceful, creative and participatory future realised through the mainstream use of action learning and action research.
About Canberra

With a population of 329,000 Canberra is equally as diverse as any capital city in the country.

Located on the ancient lands of the Indigenous Ngunnawal people, Canberra’s name is thought to mean ‘meeting place’, derived from the Aboriginal word Kamberra. European settlers first came in the 1830s, and the area was chosen for the federal capital in 1908. Canberra's special contrast of nature and urban living was planned in 1912 by master designer, Walter Burley Griffin, a Chicago architect who won an international design competition.

Spring time in Canberra is truly glorious. The city bursts into colour as the trees reveal their spring blooms and the regional vineyards awaken with the first bud bursts. You can expect moderately fresh mornings, bright sunny days and brisk nights.

For more information visit the Canberra Visitor website

Getting Here

Train: V/Line offers a Canberra Link service daily rail/coach link from Melbourne to Canberra via Albury.

CountryLink offers two XPLORER rail services daily from Sydney to Canberra. (Note: there is no evening train service Canberra to Sydney on Fridays.)

Plane: The airlines that operate into and out of Canberra are Qantas, Virgin Blue, Tiger Airways and Brindabella Airlines.

Automobile: Canberra is 150 kilometres inland and 571 metres above the Pacific Ocean, 281 kilometres from Sydney and 660 kilometres from Melbourne.

Bus: The AirLiner Shuttle operates a service every hour between the Canberra International Airport and Canberra City.
Getting Around

Local buses: Canberra’s local bus company ACTION operates 365 days a year. There are bus stops located on Constitution Avenue directly in front of the campus. The campus is also within short walking distance to the city bus interchange.

Taxis: There are several taxi companies that operate in Canberra and these can be pre booked through the reception desk adjacent to the conference for pickup from the conference.

CIT parking: There is ample paid parking located opposite the campus on Constitution Avenue. All day parking costs $5.00 per day.

CIT Reid Campus is able to accommodate disabled patrons attending the ALARA Conference. There are disabled spaces located in the car park diagonally opposite K Block, disabled car parks can also be found outside CIT Reid Campus’ library. Another access point is in the rear CIT car park where there are three spaces allocated.

There is lift access from the ground floor in K Block and disabled toilets are also located within this building.
Accommodation Guide

Canberra has a large range of accommodation available to suit all tastes and budgets, including:

- High quality hotels and motels
- Serviced apartments
- Bed and breakfasts
- Backpacker accommodation.

Please note that it is best to book ahead during peak periods, particularly during Floriade. For assistance with choosing and booking accommodation, call Canberra Getaways on 1300 733 228

Canberra City YHA - Akuna Street, Canberra City

Rydges Lakeside – London Circuit Canberra City
www.rydges.com/hotel/0/RACANB/Rydges-Lakeside-Canberra.htm

Crown Plaza – 1 Binara Street, Canberra City

Best western Parklands Apartment Hotel – 6 Hawdon Place, Dickson

Note: Delegates must arrange their accommodation separately. This is not included in the conference registration.

Highlights and Social Events

Conference Dinner – Thursday 11 September
Partners & spouses welcome. Check registration information for more details.

Floriade 21 Films that Shaped Our Nation - Make a weekend of it! Floriade opens September 13 - www.floriadeaustralia.com

National monuments and icons are open 7 days a week and admission is FREE. Many are located within the Parliamentary Triangle and CIT is located quite centrally within the triangle.
Program Outline

Day 1
8.00am - Registration opens
Opening Ceremony and Welcome to Country
ALARA AGM
Thematic Panel
Workshops / Presentations
Lunch
Workshops / Presentations
5.00pm - Plenary
6.30pm - Conference Dinner
(Delegates’ spouses and partners welcome)

Day 2
8.00am - Registration opens
Day 1 reflections – ALARA affiliates and partners
Workshops / Presentations
Working Lunch (lunch provided)
Actions from Working Lunch
Workshops / Presentations
3.30pm - Closing Ceremony
Invitation to informal drinks and chit-chat

Tea, coffee, water and refreshments are available throughout the two days.
Terms and Conditions

Payment
- To attend the conference, complete the registration form and return to CIT via email, fax or post.
- Delegates will receive their Tax Invoice via email.
- Please note we provide the following payment options: Direct deposit, Visa, MasterCard, Bpay, BillPay, and cheque/money order. (All cheques and money orders should be made payable to ALARA Inc.)

GST – Tax Invoice
A Tax Invoice will be issued to all attendees that register. On receipt of your registration form at CIT a Tax Invoice will be issued and will include details of payment options available. Within 2 days of payment, a confirmation email will be issued.

Requests for reprints of Tax Invoices will be subject to a $10 administration fee. Delegates should ensure they keep a copy of the completed registration form and Tax Invoice for taxation purposes.

Cancellation Policy
- All cancellations must be made in writing and emailed to cit.events@cit.act.edu.au.
- A full refund, less a cancellation fee of $50, will be provided on cancellations received 30 days prior to event.
- A 50% refund will be provided on cancellations received on or before 27 August.
- No refunds will be made after 27 August.
- You may transfer your registration to another person for a transfer fee of $50, and CIT Events must be notified in writing of the transfer. A separate Tax Invoice will issue for the Administration Fee—payment is required prior to commencement of the conference.
- All refunds will be paid after the conclusion of the conference. All refunds less the cancellation fee will be paid by cheque.

Insurance
Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that all delegates take out their own travel and medical insurance prior to coming to the conference. The policy should include loss of fees through cancellation of the conference itself, loss of airfares for any reason, loss or damage to personal property, additional expenses should travel arrangements have to be altered.

The organising committee will not take any responsibility for any participant failing to insure. Please speak to your travel agent, medical insurer or airline in regard to this matter.

Disclaimer
The conference organisers will not accept any liability for damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss or damage to their personal property as a result of the conference or related events.
Registration Form

Delegate Details

Name: ......................................................................................................................................................

Institution/Organisation: ............................................................................................................................

Address: .....................................................................................................................................................

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Ph: ........................................... Fax: ...................................... Mobile: ......................................................

Email: ...........................................................................................................................................................

Please note: Confirmation of your registration and the invoice for payment will be sent to you via email. Please provide a VALID email address for this purpose.

☐ I am a provocateur of a workshop/session:
   Title: ....................................................................................................................................................

☐ I am facilitating/presenting a paper/session:
   (Catalyst paper is to be sent to CIT by 22 August 2008)
   Title: ....................................................................................................................................................

☐ I am not presenting or provoking, just attending

☐ I am participating by virtual links

I prefer to present:

☐ Day 1: Sept 11 – am / pm (please circle)
☐ Day 2: Sept 12 – am / pm (please circle)

Delegate details will be incorporated into a delegate list and provided for the purposes of networking during the conference. Please advise if you do NOT wish your details to be made available on this list.

☐ Please do not make my details available on a conference delegate’s list.
Registration Fees#

The 2008 ALARA Australian Conference aims to be carbon-neutral. Your registration includes a ‘green ticket’ of $1.27 which will be paid to www.carbonfund.org to offset the carbon emissions generated at the conference and during its preparations. Thank you for helping to make this conference green!

Fees include all sessions and workshops, Day 1 and 2 tea/coffee, lunches and Conference Dinner.

Please note that for non-members registration includes membership of ALARA for a year unless you indicate otherwise

- I do not wish to become an ALARA member (tick if this applies)

PLEASE NOTE DISCOUNTS FOR MEMBERSHIP ONLY APPLY TO PAID UP MEMBERS FOR 2008-9 AND WHERE RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN RECEIVED BEFORE 1 SEPTEMBER 2008

Please tick one of the following options

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- ALARA Life members complimentary attendance but need to pay to attend Dinner
- I will attend the Conference Dinner, September 11

# Earlybird registrations close August 15, 2008.

* Virtual attendance to the 2008 ALARA Conference includes a login to the ALARA website with access to realtime and ongoing discussions and presentations taking place at the conference

** There is no earlybird concession for low income and virtual attendance since fees are cost recovery only.

## Fees include GST

Spouse/Partner Details

Please tick all or one of the following options

Name of spouse/partner: ................................................................. $ AUD

- Conference Dinner attendance 50.00
Payment Details

Delegate registration fee  $ ..............................................
Spouse total  $ ..............................................
Total payment  $ ..............................................

☐ I have read and accepted the Terms and Conditions listed below in this registration brochure
☐ I acknowledge that an invoice will be emailed to me and have provided a valid email address for this purpose.

Submitting your registration details

Please fax this form and your details to:
CIT Events (02) 6205 2881
OR post to:
Events@CIT GPO Box 826, Canberra ACT 2601
OR scan and email this form to:
cit.events@cit.act.edu.au

Confirmation of your Registration, along with your tax invoice, will be emailed to you from ALARA Inc.
Please forward any queries to cit.events@cit.act.edu.au
Cancellations made after August 27th will be required to pay full ticket price.