



Tertiary Education for Sustainability

Are we upskilling society with the necessary tools for change?

"We need a shared commitment to education that empowers people for change. Such education should be of a quality that provides the values, knowledge, skills and competencies for sustainable living and participation in society" (Bonn Declaration, UNESCO World Conference on Education for Sustainable Development, April 2009).

There is no doubt that tertiary education is fundamental to ensuring a sustainable, low carbon future for Australia. The challenge for tertiary education providers is to equip learners with the skills and knowledge for sustainability and to model sustainable behaviours in the workplace. The TDC is pleased to invite you to this two hour seminar for leaders and managers in the tertiary education sector to discuss this pertinent and important issue.

Our guest speaker, Dr Garry McDonald from the National Centre for Sustainability at Swinburne University of Technology will host the seminar, firstly setting the scene with an overview of national and international sustainability policy and then facilitating presentations and discussions in response to the following questions:

- How do we prepare to up skill Australians for a low carbon economy and transition towards a more sustainable society?
- How can we embed sustainability principles in education practices?

A range of perspectives will be provided from Government, Industry, Unions and Education and will be followed by a lively question and answer session with the speakers. The seminar will conclude with an opportunity to network and discuss education for sustainability issues and ideas for the future for an hour or so over light refreshments.

DATE

Wednesday 23 March 2011

TIME

Seminar 3pm to 5pm
Refreshments 5pm to 6pm
Registrations from 2.30pm

VENUE

VU Conference Centre
Level 12
300 Flinders St
Melbourne

COST

\$75 per person (plus GST)

RSVP

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BOOKING

To book for this event, please register online
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ENQUIRIES

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Dr Garry McDonald - National Centre for Sustainability (NCS)

Garry is the Associate Director of the NCS at Swinburne University of Technology. Garry provides strategic leadership and direction for the NCS and specialist advice to University management on best practice sustainability services and education and training programs. He is currently focussed on strategies to embed sustainability into the Australian VET sector. Central to this, NCS has recently had accredited Australia's first education qualification in teaching for sustainability, the Vocational Graduate Certificate in Education and Training for Sustainability. Previously with the Department of Primary Industries, Garry was Research Director- Sustainable Landscape Systems, Institute Director - Rutherglen Research Institute, and Research Ecologist with various Institutes.



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