

## Registration Form – AEU Members ONLY

Alternative Education Conference 2010  
Friday 15 October 2010

Venue: Aurora Function Centre, 135 Ivermay Road, Invermay  
RSVP: Monday 11 October 2010 to Amanda Walker at  
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Name:.....

Workplace:.....

Email:.....

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### CONFERENCE FEE (PRE PAYMENT REQUIRED)

(AEU members ONLY) \$50

Payment options:  credit card  cheque

Credit Card Number:

Expiry Date:.....

### TRAVEL:

Schools or participants are asked to cover travel expenses. The AEU will arrange car pooling if required.

Are you prepared to car pool?  Yes  No

If 'YES', are you prepared to use your own car?  Yes  No

Other passengers (if known):.....

### ACCOMMODATION AT THE MERCURE HOTEL:

Schools or participants are asked to cover accommodation expenses. However, a small fund is available for small and isolated school participants. If you believe that you are eligible, please tick this box:

Do you require accommodation?  Yes  No

Twin share only. (\$60 per person) Share with:.....

Single room \$120 extra. Single room?

Any special dietary requirements?.....

Is child care required?  Yes  No

**Send your completed registration form to:  
PO Box 117, NORTH HOBART TAS 7000 OR  
fax to 6234 3052**

## Presentation Panel Sessions and Focus Groups

### Setting the scene – What performance data tell us about Tasmanian student achievement

John Brooks speaks with authority on alternative approaches to education, having been the primary instigator of the Victorian TRIP program, a teacher into industry initiative that put classroom teachers directly into industry roles. He will use data gathered by the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority to help set the scene for showing why alternative approaches to education are now considered essential.

### Alternative Programs that Work

Hear how a number of alternative program managers have worked to establish programs that have been successful, including StudentWorks in Launceston, the Port Dalrymple School, the Guaranteeing Futures program as delivered at Brooks High School and alternative approaches at East Derwent Primary.

### Spotlight on Success

Nick Evans, Director of Community Development DPAC, talks about the success story involving major change for young offenders in the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

### Focus on new Initiatives

Judy Hunter, Cape Barren Island School and Steve Walley, Big Picture School pioneer talk about what they have achieved by adopting alternative approaches to teaching and learning.

### Cyber Safeguarding

Melinda Standish from Roar Educate, a leading edge Tasmanian software company, presents a strong case for a whole-school, systems-based approach to safeguarding and cyber-risk management, which includes highly engaging interactive learning to promote the safe, responsible use of digital technologies.

### Alternate Programs in Learning Services

What alternative programs are currently operating across the Learning Services now? This session provides an opportunity for delegates to share experiences about alternative programs in each of the Learning Services and, more importantly, what needs to be done.

### Plenary Session

Facilitated by AEU President, Leanne Wright, the session will identify issues for inclusion in or informing the proposed AEU Action plan for Innovative Education.

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## Educational Alternatives: Local, National & International Perspectives

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8.30 am to 4.00 pm

*This Conference will appeal to educators in K-12 with an interest in finding ways to better engage young people in successful learning outcomes and school achievement. In particular, those working on successful programs, including students with special needs, Aboriginal students, those with challenging behaviour and those experiencing disadvantage and marginalisation will be highlighted. Its principal function is to support AEU members.*



PLACES ARE LIMITED!

## An Outcomes Focus

The 2010 State government budget set aside \$5.4m for alternative education. The Conference will provide an opportunity for the development of an action plan for input into how that resource might be spent. In addition, providing input into our Teachers' Agreement Log of Claims, the Conference will provide a point at which the professional meets the industrial.

**Opening Address: The Minister for Education and Training, the Hon Lin Thorp MHA**

**Keynote Speakers include:**

**Dave Turner – A Global Perspective on Youth**



Drawing on his recent work in the UK and Australia, Dave will look at UK youth policy and practice regarding schools and education and how community and business partnerships have transformed learning, particularly in low SES areas. Dave talks about the “quiet revolution” to resource partnerships and about ways in which young people are being assisted to raise educational aspirations and attainment, including the integration of careers information and advice into general education.

He is an engaging and inspirational speaker with a passionate interest in advocating for a better deal on behalf of young people.

**Peter Bruce – The LinkUp Program, Ballarat, Victoria**



The LinkUp program is aimed at reconnecting school non-attendees and other young people identified as not fitting into the traditional school system and in need of special support. The program provides literacy and numeracy support and extensive skill development

opportunities for young at-risk individuals, helping them to rebuild their lives, as well as giving them a sense of self-confidence and self-esteem, and an opportunity for a positive future.

# Conference Program

8.00 am	<b>Registration</b> desk opens
8.30 – 8.35	<b>Welcome</b> – Leanne Wright (President AEU Tasmanian Branch)
8.35 – 8.50	<b>Conference Opening</b> – Hon Lin Thorp, Minister for Education and Skills
8.50 – 9.05	<b>Setting the scene</b> – What performance data tells about Tasmanian student achievement – John Brooks, Manager TQA
9.05 – 9.45	<b>Keynote Address:</b> “A Global Perspective on Youth” – Dave Turner, national consultant and international authority on youth policy and initiatives and what works.
9.45 – 10.00	<b>Morning Tea</b>
10.00 – 11.20	<b>Alternative Programs that Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lin Farrington – Studentworks, a full-service manufacturing business where products are made by grade 8, 9 and 10 high school students under the supervision of fine tradespeople</li> <li>Martin Binns – Port Dalrymple School – Options for Success year 10 – 11 transitions</li> <li>Lucy Robbins – Brooks High School – the success of future pathway planning</li> <li>Hamish Cunningham – East Derwent Primary School – Alternative programs that work in Primary Schools</li> </ul>
11.25 – 12.10	<b>Keynote Address:</b> “Link Up program at Ballarat Secondary College, Victoria” – Peter Bruce, coordinator

12.15 – 12.45	<b>Showcase Panel</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Judy Hunter - Aboriginal initiatives that work – Acting Principal Cape Barren Island School</li> <li>Steve Walley – Principal Prospect High School – Big Picture Schools</li> <li>Mark Godfrey – The Tasmanian eSchool Development – AP (Flexible learning Tasmania)</li> </ul>
12.45 – 1.15	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15 – 1.30	<b>Spotlight on Success</b> – Inspirational success story Ashley Youth Detention Centre – Nick Evans, Director of Community Development DPAC
1.30 – 1.40	<b>ROAR Presentation</b> – Melinda Standish – Cyber Safeguarding
1.45 – 2.50	<b>Focus Groups</b> – What alternative programs are currently operating in the Learning Services? All four Learning Services will share their experiences of programs that work.
2.50 – 3.00	<b>Break</b>
3.00 – 3.20	<b>Report back from Focus Group session.</b>
3.20 – 4.00	<b>Plenary Session</b> – Facilitated by AEU President.

