

Website Launch e-newlsetter

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On an exciting note, as the Volunteering to Learn project comes to the end of its two year life, the team held a website launch at Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia on August 14th 2015.

Project contributors, supporters, partners and team members mingled and mixed before sitting down to hear a quick overview of the project, and see the refreshed website which now contains the fruits of our labours.

After a warm welcome from Murdoch's A/Vice Chancellor, Andrew Taggart and a quick tour of our findings there was a sense of achievement in the reveal of the new look site.



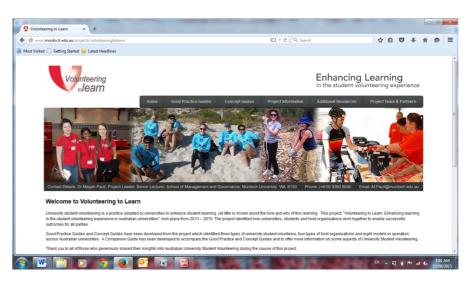






The new site contains the project Good Practice Guides, the Concept Guides, and a Companion Guide for you to download and print. These resources provide more detailed information about the findings of the project, including the desk audit, literature review and some of the grey areas in student volunteering which emerged from the data.

Drop down tabs will take you to the pilot report funded by the Western Australian Department for Local



Government and Communities in 2013 at the commencement of the project, and to <u>useful links</u> to volunteer referral services and hubs on the campuses of the partner universities.

You will also find links to additional information in that location such as the new National Standards for Volunteer Involvement released by Volunteering Australia in National Volunteer Week of 2015. Clicking on the logos at the bottom of the home page will take you to the partner organisations Volunteering Western Australia and Volunteering Australia.

Feedback following the event was satisfying, with attendees indicating that they will use the Good Practice Guides, refer to the website and promote our project. We even made it to the Twittersphere with our celebrations.

The team will be submitting work for publication in academic journals based on the findings of this project and details about these will be added to the website as they become available.

Events still to come include a webinar hosted by ACEN on October 1st – for details visit http://acen.edu.au or contact Rowena Scott and keep an eye out for conference papers and presentations, and workshops and other activities near you.

This is the last e-newsletters and so...

We would like to extend our thanks to <u>Volunteering Western Australia</u>, and <u>Volunteering Australia</u> for their involvement – your support has been invaluable. To the Tertiary Community Engagement Committee members and to our Critical Friends – thank you for your prompt and frank feedback, and to interviewees, workshop participants and Roadshow attendees your input has made these outcomes possible.

My personal thanks to the <u>project team</u> for their diligence, hard work and patience - now we have lots of writing to do; and to Rob Phillips, our evaluator, for your measured and thoughtful feedback. Thanks also to a lot of people who helped along the way with organising, folding, posting, print and design, website development, editing, catering, booking the list goes on but if I tried to list everyone I am sure I would miss someone.

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