

Project Update May 2015: The final stages



Dear friends and colleagues,

We are in the final stage of the Volunteering to Learn Project!

The VTL project is rapidly nearing its conclusion, with the project team having just completed an Australia-side road show to introduce a wider audience to the Good Practice and Concept Guides developed from our data. It has been a pleasure to engage with those of you who have attended the workshops or connected with the project online or via email.



Canberra Workshop

National Roadshow

National workshops were held in Hobart, Canberra, Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide, Darwin and Perth by members of the project team.

Following the workshops all the feedback on these penultimate drafts was gathered and considered and refinements made to the Guides – everything from small typographical errors to clarifications in terminology and the addition of explanatory notes – to make the data from our project more accessible and useable. Not only did the workshops allow for great interaction and discussion on the guides, but we are also aware of some great new connections made between participants – so the networking was good too.

The presentation from the workshops is now available on the Volunteering to Learn website – www.murdoch.edu.au/projects/volunteeringtolearn or click [here](#): All that we ask of those who use it is that the source is acknowledged.



Adelaide Workshop



Melbourne Workshop

In all around 200 people participated in the workshops with a broad cross section of stakeholders represented. Following the workshops feedback gathered via a short survey has indicated that the Guide most likely to be used is the guide for Students, but that all of the guides, 7 in total, were of interest to workshop participants. In addition some direct feedback to team members has also been received.



Thank you

Some important ‘thank you’s are now in order – in each of our workshop locations we received support and help with booking rooms, organising catering, and promoting our workshop to an audience of universities, host organisations and students. You know who you are, and we offer our heartfelt thanks for your work.

What next?

So, in our next few busy months we will be adding resources to the Volunteering to Learn website, with a planned launch just prior to National Student Volunteer Week in August, at which time our Guides will have been finalised and will be available for use. We will also be preparing our final report and preparing to publish our findings to academic audiences as well as to our stakeholders.

That’s all for now but keep an eye out for our website “launch” date, and in the meantime have a look at the presentation slides now uploaded to the website.

"Talk" soon, **Megan Paull – Project Leader**



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