

Inspiring active learners focus of IEA Assessment Conference 2018

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World-leading education experts will talk about inspiring students to be confident and active learners at today's IEA Assessment Conference 2018.

More than 400 primary and secondary teachers and leaders from across Australia will gather at the sold-out conference, hosted by the Institute of Educational Assessors (IEA) – the professional learning arm of the SACE Board of South Australia.

A dynamic line-up of presenters, including keynote speakers Professor Guy Claxton, from King's College London, Dr Susan-Marie Harding, from the University of Melbourne, and Louka Parry, from Education Changemakers, will take to the stage.

The conference will focus on the changing face of education, how students need to become active participants in their own learning, and how schools need to provide students with the skills to self-monitor their learning.

Professor Claxton will talk about building learning power and the importance of developing all students to be confident and capable learners who are ready, willing and able to choose, design, research, pursue, troubleshoot, and evaluate learning for themselves, alone and with others, in school and out.

Dr Harding will discuss her research around self-regulated learning in the classroom and how her evidence strongly supports the notion that students should be explicitly taught how to regulate their own learning so that they have the capacity to become lifelong learners at school and into adulthood.

She will outline practical ways to build student learning power and self-regulated learning in the classroom.

Mr Parry will talk about how school leadership can drive this change and develop a culture that values students being part of their own learning process.

SACE Board of SA Chief Executive Professor Martin Westwell said the IEA Conference presented an invaluable opportunity for delegates to learn new ways to achieve the best outcomes for students.

"The aim of the IEA is to improve student outcomes by providing teachers and schools with opportunities to enhance their expertise in educational assessment," Prof Westwell said.

"We have assembled a powerful line-up of speakers at the IEA Assessment Conference 2018, who will focus on the significant contribution that every student can potentially make in their education journey. While knowledge is important, it's how students apply that knowledge which is becoming even more important in our globally-connected 21st century world.

"Our speakers will talk about how we can aspire to have all Australian students to be creative, connected and engaged learners who can apply these capabilities throughout the rest of their lives. We hope the presentations will inspire delegates and help them gain some practical insights into new ways of how they can inspire students to be confident and active learners."

The conference is being held at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 9am to 3.30pm.

The IEA offers a number of services to support teachers and schools at all levels, including an Assessment for Educators course targeted at onsite, school-wide delivery, and the Certified Educational Assessor course for individual teachers.

Find out more about the [IEA Assessment Conference 2018](#) or the [IEA](#) on the SACE Board website.

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