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Welcome to the Workplace Research Centre (WRC) Newsletter.

In this Newsletter we feature some of the latest updates from the WRC including research for the Commonwealth Bank Foundation on financial literacy, information on upcoming recruitment as well as the latest news and upcoming events.

Don't forget to register for the Labour Law Conference taking place on the 13th of August. With the Fair Work Act Review report released yesterday, this will be an opportunity for employers and employees to have their say at the dedicated Q&A session on Labour Law reform. Speaking at the Conference will be Professor Ron McCallum, one of the three experts who conducted the review for the Government.

We encourage you to join our social network pages [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) to hear the latest news regarding our research, events and opportunities for employment at the WRC.

UPCOMING EVENTS & RECRUITMENT

RECRUITMENT

We are seeking a Leading Research Analyst to drive strategic research development within the Workplace Research Centre and to provide strong leadership in terms of strategic business development, project management, and staff development while also conducting applied research.

- Drive strategic research development
- Project management leadership
- Full-time fixed-term two years, remuneration package: \$128K p.a. which includes leave loading and up to 17% super

For more information and to apply please go to the University of Sydney Recruitment [Website](#)

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Prof John Buchanan



Agency warns against Australian skills shortfall (19/07/2012) *Source:* [ABC](#)

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LATEST RESEARCH

Financial
Literacy

CONFERENCE

[20th Annual Labour Law Conference](#)

13th Aug, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Hilton Sydney

The Labour Law Conference is taking place on Monday the 13th of August. With the [Fair Work Act Review](#) report released yesterday, this will be a perfect opportunity for employers and employees to have their say at the dedicated Q&A session on Labour Law Reform. Speaking at the Conference will be Professor Ron McCallum, one of the three experts who conducted the review for the Government.



The Labour Law program is [available here](#).

The rates for the conference are as follows:

Early Bird: \$795 until the 31st of May

Regular Rate: \$895

Student Rates: [Contact WRC](#)

University of Sydney Staff Rates: [Contact WRC](#)

[Register here](#)

NEW CONFERENCE

[Happiness, Health and Wellbeing @ Work Conference](#)

31st October 2012

The Workplace Research Centre is running the 6th Happiness, Health and Wellbeing @ Work conference at the New Law School Building at the end of October. The conference program will be released shortly and will feature some of the latest research and insights from academics at the University of Sydney as well as some practical case studies from employers.

We are currently offering a presale price for this conference which is \$495 if you enter the special rate code: **presale**.

The standard rates for the conference are as follows:

Early Bird: \$595 until the 31st of August

Regular Rate: \$695

Student Rates: [Contact WRC](#)

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Project



The Workplace Research

Centre was commissioned by the Commonwealth Bank Foundation to investigate levels of financial literacy in a young, transitional demographic – those aged 18 to 24 enrolled in vocational education and training (VET). The research investigated not only the understanding of 245 VET students, but also their practices, attitudes and behaviours in numerous areas of personal financial decision making. Using a combination of an online survey and focus groups, six distinct areas were investigated- numeracy and money management, budgeting and living within means, choosing financial products, saving and planning, borrowing and debt literacy, and recourse and self-help.

The research findings assisted the development of the Commonwealth Bank Foundation StartSmart Pathways Program. This new program is the latest offering to the award winning StartSmart financial literacy program for Australian schools. StartSmart reaches over 200,000 students each year through StartSmart workshops, making it the largest program of its kind. The research enabled Commonwealth Bank Foundation to create five new tailored workshops for VET students. StartSmart sessions are delivered free of charge and do not promote the products or services of the Commonwealth Bank. For more information on the outcomes of the research, it is possible to download a copy of the report through the [Commonwealth Bank Foundation Website](#).

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