



NATIONAL FOUNDATION SKILLS STRATEGY PROJECT

*Sharing knowledge
through the Foundation Skills Community of Practice*

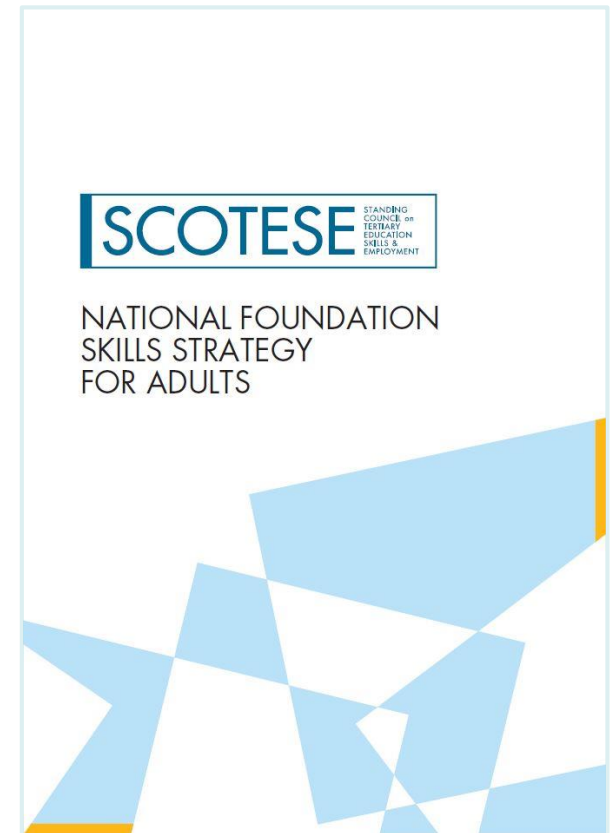
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Initiative of the National Foundation Skills Strategy Project

Priority 4

- ▶ Building the capacity of the education and training workforces to deliver foundation skills





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2014-15 Foundation Skills Community of Practice

- 16 members from diverse education and training environments
- Formed in 2013 as the Foundation Skills Practitioner Champions Network
- Using existing connections and ‘ripple effect’ to spread messages
- Evaluation revealed wide and extensive reach of Network
- Conducting small-scale projects in 2014-15

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Industry-tailored workshops

- ▶ Hydrocarbon Assessor Network – face-to-face workshop focusing on:
 - ▶ Identification of foundation skills needed to work safely
 - ▶ Foundation skills business risk assessment
 - ▶ VET products and resources to support foundation skills strengthening
- ▶ Webinars for automotive teachers and trainers working with apprentices and pre-apprentices, focusing on:
 - ▶ Foundation skills demands in an automotive workplace
 - ▶ Introduction to AutoGames learning resource
 - ▶ Introduction to AutoStart learner resource
- ▶ More information: Tina Berghella tina@oggiconsulting.com

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Tasmanian PD workshop series

- ▶ Professional development for VET and LLN/foundation skills practitioners to explore and reflect on models of working together.
- ▶ Opportunity for practitioners to think about how they could assist learners to strengthen their foundation skills during their enrolment in vocational training.
- ▶ PD covered three topic areas:
 - ▶ Foundation Skills Strategy for Adults and the Community of Practice
 - ▶ Exploring the Foundation Skills Training Package
 - ▶ Collaborating to support learners' foundation skills
- ▶ More information: Cath Ralston cath@taswa.com.au

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Preparing for integrated delivery

- ▶ Riverina TAFE professional development for VET teachers
- ▶ Implementation of Smart and Skilled Reforms in VET for NSW
 - ▶ Moving from free to fee
 - ▶ Cultural and financial shifts
 - ▶ Workforce capability development to build skills and resilience
 - ▶ Building and strengthening partnerships for growth
- ▶ Forming communities of practice across NSW
- ▶ More information: Kath Hinton: kathie.hinton@tafensw.edu.au

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Delivery practice videos and case studies

- ▶ Aim to showcase current examples of the implementation of foundation skills training
 - ▶ Four videos and case studies developed in draft format showing practitioners working in four different training areas with different learner cohorts
 - ▶ Completion expected by end of April 2015
 - ▶ Final product available from NFSS website
- ▶ More information: Paula McKenry pmckenry@kangan.edu.au

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- Kangan Institute example (6 mins):
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2brT5SN1nW8eTZUa2JSNUVERmc/view?usp=sharing>
- Chisholm Institute example (4 mins):
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2brT5SN1nW8bnhVRTIjUVJBV0E/view?usp=sharing>
- Train 2 Learn example (3 mins):
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B2brT5SN1nW8QUJ5NIRLR1F1ZGc/view?usp=sharing>

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NT practitioner network

- ▶ Professional development workshops
 - ▶ Creation of Moodle site hosted by Batchelor Institute
 - ▶ Encouraging sharing of resources
 - ▶ Aiming for sustainable networking solutions
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- ▶ More information: Kim Davis: kim.davis@batchelor.edu.au

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Numeracy teaching resources

- ▶ Creating numeracy resources for lower level language learners
 - ▶ Examining existing numeracy teaching resources for numeracy at ACSF levels 2 and 3
 - ▶ Adapting resources to suit lower level language learners
 - ▶ Including examples from a variety of vocational contexts
 - ▶ Using workshop-based approach to development
 - ▶ Inviting practitioners to share resources that may be suitable for adaption
- ▶ Completion by end May 2015
- ▶ More information: Teresa Howie Teresa.Howie@tafesa.edu.au

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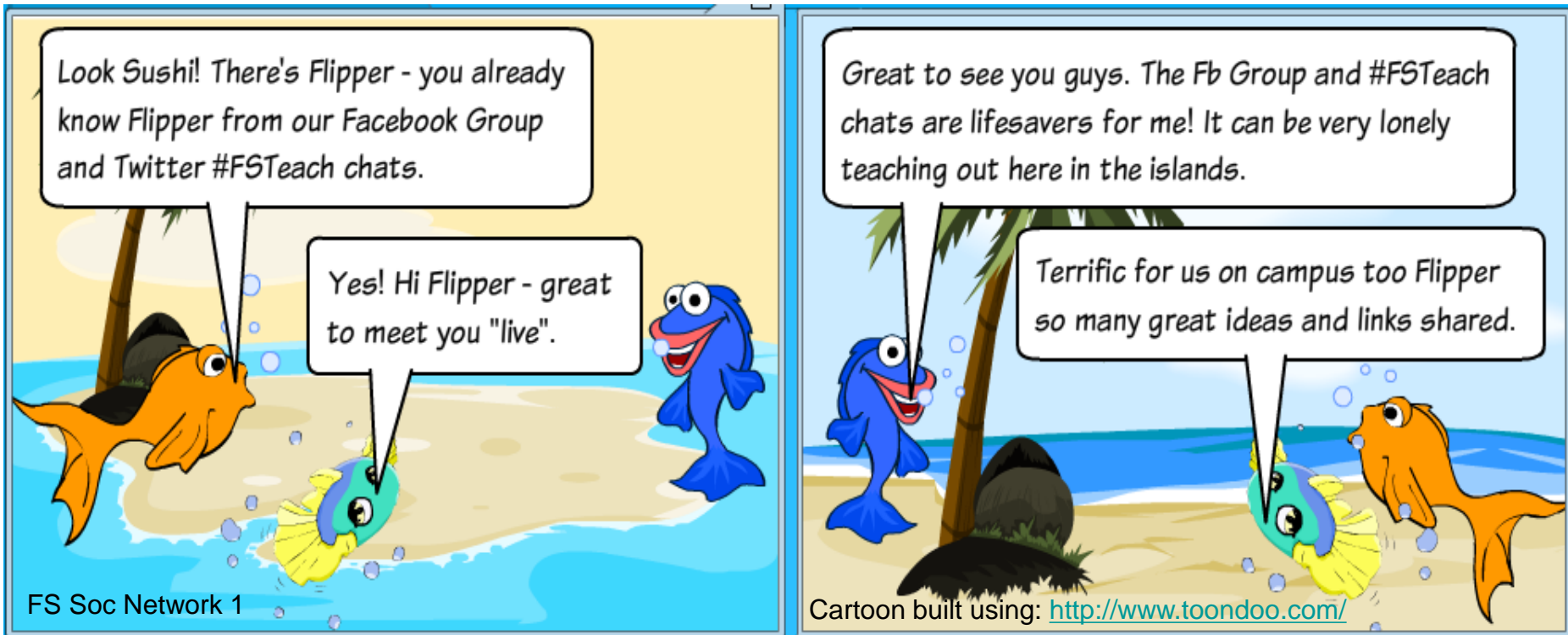
Networking via social media

- ▶ Sharing and connecting via FaceBook and Twitter
- ▶ Building connections between COP members and with the broader practitioner community
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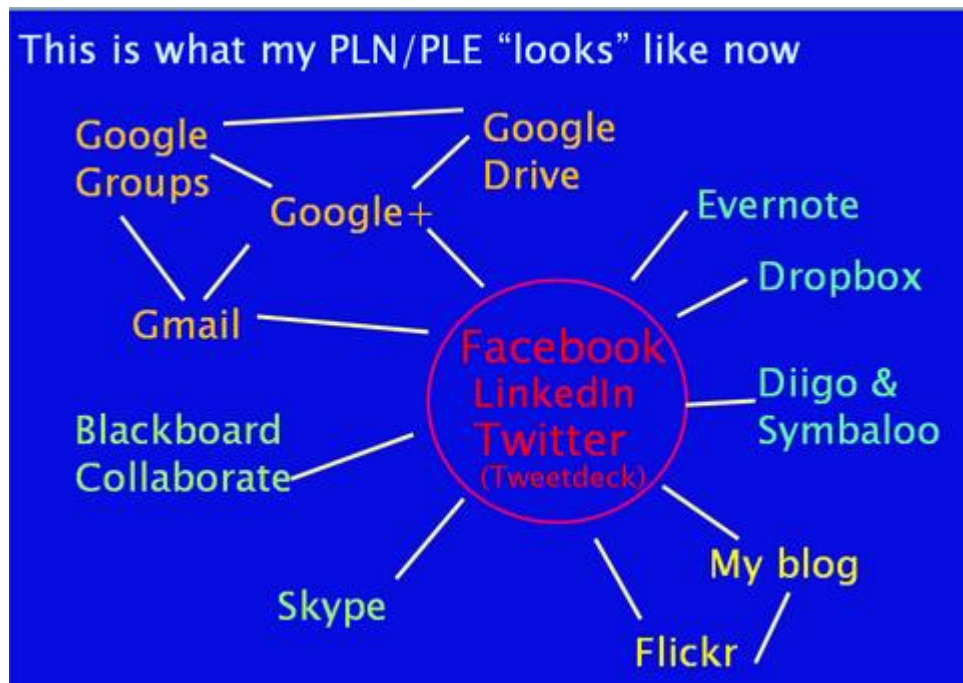
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Personal/Professional Learning Network (PLN).

- previously based around people that we met face-to-face or communicated with by phone or letter.
- online communication and social media -> immense expansion in potential for learning through networks.



Do you use Facebook?

https://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/q1nRWM4hz9nf8CY

Do you use Twitter?

https://www.polleverywhere.com/multiple_choice_polls/vxfRWsBar0juB1y

Building on our Foundations!

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Through Facebook and Twitter we can:

- Use posts and comments to discuss ideas and issues in Foundation Skills delivery
- Seek feedback and reflect on activities
- Share and find resources, links and information about Foundation Skills
- Ask those “just-in-time” questions when we need help with ideas, activities, resources
- Have real time discussions (using Twitter chats) on “hot topics” that can be archived for later access
- Gain the experience to meet our students on their own “home” e-ground

If you are already on Facebook then visit and join the **FS Teach Group**: or type **<http://bit.ly/FSTeachGroup>**

If you are already on Twitter then follow me **[@JoHart](#)** and tweet me with the #tag #FSTeach

If you are not yet on Facebook and/or Twitter visit **Online social networks for PD and networking** or type **<http://bit.ly/SocNetForPD>** for info on signing up

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▶ Website: www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au/nfss

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