



professional development workshop

Environmental Learning in the Workplace

This professional development workshop is oriented to supporting training providers to design, review and improve environmental education and training programmes focussed on the workplace. The workshop will cover the following:

- The environmental education, training and skills development landscape
- Sustainability practices in workplaces – how are people learning them?
- Working in / with communities of practice in workplaces
- Supporting and assessing quality learning in workplaces

The workshop is relevant to trainers and training providers who will be offering training programmes under the QCTO (Quality Council for Trade and Occupations), and for educators who wish to pay attention to quality related issues associated with workplace learning.

The workshop is timely, as the new QCTO framework focuses on occupations. New qualifications will focus on a balance of knowledge, practical skills and work experience as important learning processes that need to be planned for, and assessed in equal measure.

Our research shows that it is often the workplace learning dimension of training programmes that is poorly understood, and therefore poorly integrated into curriculum designs that aim to improve occupational learning and change oriented learning in workplaces. This workshop draws on research findings developed in the Rhodes University / SAQA research partnership on change oriented learning and sustainability practices, which is a sub-programme of SAQA's Work and Learning Research Programme.

NOTE: This workshop programme is part of the [Sustainability Commons Public Engagement Project](#) of the Environmental Learning Research Centre, hence there is no charge for participation. There will be a small charge for teas, but participants will be asked to bring a snack lunch each day, as there is no charge for the programme and hence no budget to draw on. If we have enough participants, we can arrange small 'sustainability lunch packs' produced by a local catering service for R30 per lunch bag. NB: There will be a limit on numbers so please book early.

