Section 5 – WLES Program Model Example Group Learning Workshop: Session 4

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Example of a WLES group learning workshop (3 hours) SESSION 4

SESSIO	N 4 ACTIV	ITIES AND RESOURCES (3 hours)	PAGE
10 mins.	Module 1	Qualities for Success – Responsibility	2
		Literacy Victoria Qualities For Success leaflet	4
25 mins.	Module 5	Snapshot N –Numeracy	5
		Literacy Victoria Snapshot leaflet	7
15 mins.	Module 4	Sort and Predict	8
		Sort and Predict activity	10
10 mins.	BREAK		
50 mins.	Module 5	Make It Count 1	11
		Selected Make It Count 1 activities	
		Literacy Victoria numeracy skills inventory checklist	14
10 mins.	BREAK		
50 mins.	Module 1	'A Dream That Walks' 4	15
		A Dream That Walks workbook	
		A Dream That Walks II workbook	
10 mins.	Module 1	Plan and Review	18
		Literacy Victoria feedback document	20

Best Practice Notes:

Adult learners find prolonged focus on a single topic challenging. All group learning sessions deliberately contain content from more than one curriculum area (Module).

Adult learners with Level 1 and Level 2 skills (IALSS Levels) find working for long blocks of time challenging. All activities are presented in blocks of no longer than 15-20 minutes.

Activities include a variety of learning styles.

Activities include group and individual work.

Where learners do not yet possess the level of Essential Skills required to participate fully in all aspects of an activity it is important that they continue to feel a sense of belonging to the group. All activities start and end with an oral component so that all learners can affirm their roles as valued participants.

If possible, nutritious snacks (fresh fruit) and drinks (juice, milk, fruit tea) should be provided.



MODULE 1 ACTIVITY

Qualities for Success

RESPONSIBILITY

In this learning activity, participants discuss a positive quality, in this case 'Responsibility', that impacts success in the workplace. Participants make connections between their attitudes towards various qualities and their experiences of success in a variety of contexts. The activity is repeated as a number of qualities are explored throughout the program.

Qualities for Success SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

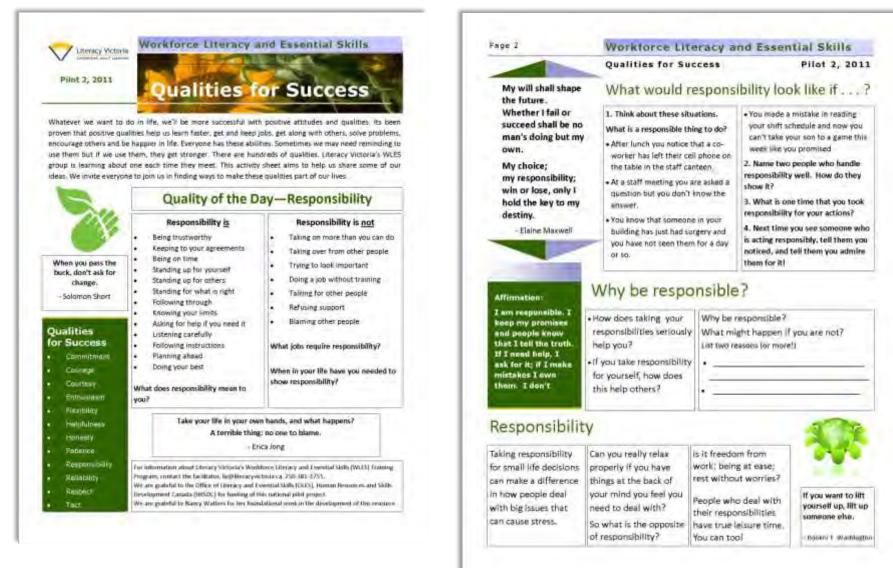
'Qualities for Success' leaflet – Responsibility, Literacy Victoria



Qualities for Success ACTIVITY PLAN (RESPONSIBILITY)

Essential	Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
Skills				
(\mathcal{Z})	Learners demonstrate understanding of the concept	This activity is designed to set the tone for the learning	5 mins	Flipchart / markers
\odot	of qualities for success.	session. Ensure that any negative comments are immediately		Qualities for Success
		pointed out; aim to balance respect for opinions with firm		leaflet
		boundaries; encourage and model positive participation.		
		Encourage learners to discuss the points they are		
		comfortable with (raised by the Qualities For Success or		
		similar leaflet); aim to encourage a broad perspective.		
	Learners' participate in discussion of prior experiences	Revisit the quality in the context of workplace and learning	5 mins	Flipchart / markers
\odot	demonstrating this quality. (Responsibility).	goals for this learning session and this group of learners.		Qualities for Success leaflet
		Accept that some learners may not participate fully initially.		
		The activity is designed to be repeated at the start of each		
		group learning session to provide an opportunity for learners		
		to share relevant stories and personal experiences. Aim to		
		keep exchanges short and appropriate.		
		Encourage learners to revisit the Qualities for Success leaflet		
		in their own time and to bring their thoughts to the next		
		group learning session.		





'Qualities for Success' leaflet, Literacy Victoria - suggested topics for discussion on the theme of Responsibility



MODULE 5 ACTIVITY

Snapshot N

In this activity participants explore vocabulary commonly used in discussing numerical information. Its focus is participation by all learners and building confidence in appropriate usage through group discussion. Participants confirm their understanding of specific vocabulary and reflect upon the numeracy skills discussed. Using the Snapshot self-assessment tool, participants recognize the vocabulary skills they already posses and build on this positive list.

Snapshot N SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

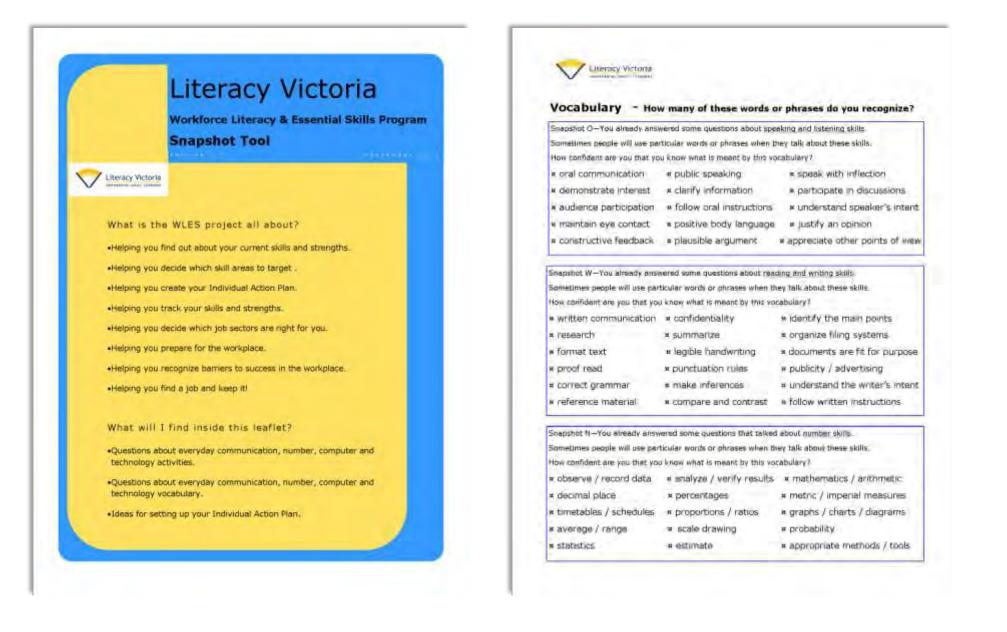
'Snapshot' leaflet, Literacy Victoria



Snapshot N ACTIVITY PLAN

Esser		Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
Ski	lls				
$\begin{pmatrix} x_{1} \\ x_{2} \end{pmatrix}$		Learners confirm their understanding of program aims	Confirm that learners understand the term <vocabulary></vocabulary>	5 mins	Snapshot leaflet -
\bigcirc	\sim	and the purpose of the Snapshot leaflet.	prior to commencing this activity.		digital
			Ensure all learners can see screen; enlarge Snapshot leaflet		Computer
			image as needed.		White board –or-
					Projector / screen
(rr)		Learners participate in discussions about numeracy	Ensure all learners understand the concept of a self-	10 mins	Snapshot leaflets
	00	skills in the context of everyday activities and roles in	assessment activity. Divide learners into small groups (ideally		Highlighters
	(\mathcal{P})	the workplace.	2-4); aim to include one or more learners with ES Level 2		Pens / pencils
		Learners complete individual numeracy vocabulary	skills in each group as learners with reading skills below ES		
		check (Snapshot leaflet).	Level 1 may require support; note those who offer, accept		
			and refuse support.		
(rt)	100	Learners confirm their understanding or need for	Review each item in turn; encourage every learner to	10 mins	Snapshot leaflet -
(IN)	\bigcirc	clarification of each item on the numeracy vocabulary	participate by providing workplace scenarios where this		digital
(\mathbb{S})		list.	vocabulary will be relevant.		Computer
\bigcirc		Learners write target vocabulary items in personal notebooks	At the end of this activity, learners should be clear which		White board –or-
		personal notebooks	vocabulary they are comfortable with and which items		Projector / screen
			require further clarification and practice. Ensure that learners		Highlighters
			who wish to keep notes of new vocabulary understand		Pens/pencils
			alphabetical order; explore why notebooks will not be in		Notebooks with A-Z
			strict alphabetical order.		divisions







'Snapshot' leaflet, Literacy Victoria – front page and Snapshot N (NUMERACY VOCABULARY SELF-ASSESSMENT)

MODULE 4 ACTIVITY

Sort and Predict

In this activity, participants review and enhance their vocabulary knowledge and planning skills. It is deliberately short in nature (15 minutes) and designed to be repeated. As participants become familiar with the format of the activity, facilitators can encourage a greater degree of self-assessment. Participants discuss a list of vocabulary items linked to a module theme and linked to a specific organizational type, in this case, categories. The activity is centered on active listening skills and group learning. Groups explore vocabulary usage in various contexts and compare the strategies used by others. Participants make personal notes of the vocabulary and strategies they find useful.

Sort and Predict SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

Success for All Learners, A Handbook on Differentiating Instruction, Chapter 6, Manitoba Education, 2007

Vocabulary Building Workbook, HRSDC, 2009

Sort and Predict ACTIVITY PLAN

 ential ills	Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
 Image: A state of the state of	Learners demonstrate understanding of what it means to divide items into categories. Learners participate in a group activity centered on vocabulary building for creating and describing categories.	This activity is repeated in subsequent sessions using different vocabulary lists. The HRDSC 'Vocabulary Building Workbook' provides suggested lists; these can be used as a base and adjusted to accommodate specific program objectives and learner abilities. Aim to include some higher level (ES Level 3) concepts to stretch group discussions. Ensure all learners understand that this is a group learning activity. Divide learners into small groups (ideally 3-4); aim to create mixed ability groups and, where possible, maintain	10 mins	Sort and Predict activity -digital Computer White board —or- Projector/screen Flipchart/markers Sort and Predict activity sheets Pens/pencils
Image: state of the state		and build on successful relationships from earlier activities. Review group findings and encourage discussion around differences as well as similarities. Be aware that some learners may never have encountered a learning activity where there is no 'right answer'. View this as an opportunity to introduce learners to self-directed learning. It is also an opportunity to explore how personal constructs influence our predictions of which words should be grouped together. Review why vocabulary entered into learners' notebooks will not be in strict alphabetical order.	5 mins	Sort and Predict activity sheets Flipchart/markers Pens/pencils Notebooks with A-Z divisions



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Sort and Predict activity worksheet

Adapted from :

Success for All Learners, A Handbook on Differentiating Instruction, Manitoba Education, 2007

Suggestions for vocabulary based on: Vocabulary Building Workbook, Lesson 11, **HRSDC, 2009**

Additional vocabulary added in preparation for activities using: 'A Dream That Walks' workbook, **Action Read Community Literacy Centre, 2000**



MODULE 5 ACTIVITY

Make It Count 1 (MIC 1)

In this learning activity, participants explore competencies through individual and group learning activities involving calculations with money. Participants use authentic workplace documents requiring computational work to two decimal places, and rounding to two decimal places. Activities are included for participants who require an introduction to basic calculator functions. Participants consider the numeracy and document use skills required in workplace situations involving money, and when and why specific types of documents are required in the workplace.

Make It Count 1 SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Money, decimal places, rounding, basic calculator functions

Low ES Level 1 - ReadWritePlus E1 Numeracy Unit 1 Page 9; E2 Numeracy Unit 1 Pages 5-9, Pages 19-20

ES Level 1 - WorkWrite Book 7 Activities 1.4, 3.2, 3.3; ReadWritePlus E3 Numeracy Unit 2 Pages 4-7; Level 1 Numeracy Unit 1 Pages 2-5

ES Level 2 - WorkWrite Book 7 Activities 3.5, 5.2, 5.3, 8.8; ReadWritePlus Level 1 Numeracy Unit 1Pages 6-7

ES Level 3 - WorkWrite Book 7 Activity 2.7, 8.9; Project READ Adding To My Skills Class 9 Pages 11-12

Numerical sequence, tables, pictograms and bar charts

Low ES Level 1 - ReadWritePlus E2 Numeracy Unit 5 Pages 2-7, E3 Numeracy Unit 1 Pages 2-5

ES Level 1 - ReadWritePlus E3 Numeracy Unit 5 Pages 4-11; Project READ Adding To My Skills Class 1 Pages 14-15

ES Level 2 - WorkWrite Book 6 BarGraph1.2, Pictograph 5.4; WorkWrite Books 1-3 Document 1.25A

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Make It Count 1 (MIC 1) ACTIVITY PLAN

Esse Ski	 Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
	Learners participate in discussions regarding numeracy skills (involving money) in the workplace and in daily life.	Aim to revisit the number skills discussed in Snapshot N and SkillSet N.	5 mins	Flipcart/markers
	Learners participate in activities based on workplace scenarios involving money and complete questions based on these documents. Learners review basic calculator use (addition/multiplication/subtraction/division).	Place learners in small groups so that those working at Essential Skills Level 1 receive peer support. If tutors are available they should float between groups (rather than assist individuals) to encourage working relationships between learners. It is suggested that scenarios involving money are used early in Module 5 as learners are most likely to be familiar with these types of calculations. For learners working at Level 1 in numeracy skills, fake money may be a useful learning aid. Be prepared to discuss the value of rounding/estimating as a way to check calculator results.	15 mins	Documents selected from suggested resources for MIC 1 Pens/pencils Fake money Calculators
	Learners review activities and participate in discussions arising from MIC1 documents. Learners review their own skills in working to two decimal places in operations involving money.	Be prepared to encompass functionality in these discussions. The aim of this activity is to have learners understand why accuracy is important in carrying out any numerical operation. Encourage learners to note areas of difficulty in notebooks or on personal numeracy skills inventory.	5 mins	Flipchart/markers Personal numeracy skills inventory checklist Notebooks Pens/pencils



Esse	ential	Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
Sk	ills				
\bigcirc	m	Learners participate in activities based on workplace	Maintain groups which are working successfully; suggest	15 mins	Documents selected
\cdot		scenarios working with numerical data (tables,	changes where needed to encourage working relationships		from suggested
	(\mathbf{v})	pictograms, bar charts) and complete questions based	between learners. Aim to provide workplace documents that		resources for MIC 1
	S	on these documents.	vary in complexity. Be aware that some learners may have		Pens/pencils
(Ť		Activities to review numerical sequences may be more	limited experience of working with graphs/charts/tables. Be		Rulers/erasers
		appropriate for learners working at Level 1 in	prepared to explain where to look on a graph		
		numeracy.	(title/axes/labels) in order to understand what it is about		
			before trying to understand the data.		
\bigcirc		Learners review activities and participate in	Be prepared to encompass functionality in these discussions.	10 mins	Flipchart/markers
(R ¹ L)		discussions arising from MIC1 documents.	The aim of this activity is to have learners understand why a		Personal numeracy
	(\mathbf{v})	Learners demonstrate understanding of why	particular type of document is most appropriate to convey		skills inventory
0	G	numerical data may be presented in a variety of	numerical data. Be prepared to explain: the difference		checklist
		formats.	between different types of graphs and charts; the type of		Notebooks
		Learners review their own skills in working with data	information included in tables and schedules as well as		Pens/pencils
		presented in tables, pictograms and bar charts (or	possible variations in layout. Encourage learners to note		
		numerical sequence).	personal areas of difficulty (numeracy skills inventory		
		Learners write personal skills target items in personal notebooks	checklist).		
		personal notebooks	High priority skills targets should be noted in personal		
			notebooks, or highlighted on skills checklists. In the Plan and		
			Review activity learners may choose to transfer some items		
			of these items to their IAP for work with individual tutors. Be		
			prepared to provide additional learning materials.		



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MODULE 1 ACTIVITY

'A Dream That Walks' 4

In this activity participants continue to explore ways in which they can plan to achieve their personal and employment goals. With the aid of a structured workbook, participants reflect on different aspects of their lives: planning their time, working with others, housing, money, health, parenting, food, transport, dealing with the law, and shopping. Participants identify which of these items are significant barriers and prioritize changes to be addressed. Participants are encouraged to recognize that these aspects of their personal lives significantly impact their employment goals. Participants are supported to carry out a 'reality check' in relation to their stated personal and employment goals. Workbooks other than those suggested can be used, but it is strongly recommended that one resource is used for all participants in order to promote confidence and create clarity in developing organizational skills.

'A Dream That Walks' 4 SUGGESTED RESOURCES

A Dream That Walks, A Goal Setting Workbook, Pages 26-28, Action Read Community Literacy Centre, 2000

A Dream That Walks II: Planning for Change, A Workbook, Pages 44-47, Pages 54-63, Action Read Community Literacy Centre, 2005



Section 5

'A Dream That Walks' 4 ACTIVITY PLAN

	ential kills	Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
		Learners demonstrate understanding of different types of goals and participate in discussions based on personal development work previously completed. ➤ Learners share thoughts based on workbook material or related diary entries	If any learner has not completed 'A Dream That Walks' page 24, this should be addressed outside the group session as barriers to progress may involve sharing personal information. Encourage learners to share their thoughts on how personal research findings to date impact their ideas for employment or other goals.	10 mins	'A Dream That Walks' workbooks (page 26) ➤ (Plus pages 44- 47 of 'A Dream That Walks II' and diary) Flipchart / markers
		Learners complete 'A Dream That Walks II' pages and participate in discussions based on personal goals selected.	Encourage learners to use these materials as a basis for discussion. Some learners may choose not to write their responses; learners with reading and writing skills at Level 1 may require support to follow the text and make notes. The aim of this activity is to suggest a number of areas where change is possible; encourage learners to select those areas that will most impact personal independence.	15 mins	'A Dream That Walks II' (pages 54-63) Pens/pencils Highlighters
		Learners demonstrate understanding of the character's goal in 'A Dream That Walks' and explore their own.	This may be a challenging task for many learners. Encourage learners to think about all the personal knowledge they have gained to this point and use this to focus on their personal priorities.	15 mins	'A Dream That Walks' workbooks (pages 27-28) Pens/pencils
44 (D)	19 (A)	Learners demonstrate understanding of concept of reality checking and work through the reality checking exercise through the character in 'A Dream That Walks' workbook.	Emphasize that it is OK to change your goals. Be prepared to explain why a reality check is needed. The aim of this activity is to encourage learners to understand the value of self-directed assessing.	5 mins	'A Dream That Walks' workbooks (page 30) Flipchart/markers



Essential Skills			Time	Materials
	Learners demonstrate understanding of instructions for work targets to be completed. Learners complete/review 'A Dream That Walks' materials.	This may be the first time some learners have taken responsibility for setting or checking goals. Encourage learners to revisit these two pages (28 and 29) in their own time; reaffirm that they will be expected to articulate their goals and priorities when they attend the next learning session. Ensure that all learners agree to complete the goal reality check task. Inform tutors of work targets if learner-tutor matches exist.	5 mins	'A Dream That Walks' workbooks (pages 28-29) Diary



MODULE 1 ACTIVITY

Plan and Review

This activity, repeated at the end of each learning session, requires learners to organize their portfolios. As different topics are introduced throughout the program, learners file learning materials under different Module sections. Learners are actively supported to take ownership of their portfolios. It is recommended that portfolios used are enclosed (zip fastening) so that documents are less likely to be lost. The activity also includes use of a checklist tool that requires learners to practise document use skills as they record attendance and reflect on their learning experiences. The feedback document requires participants to consider whether they found the learning activities scary, confusing, boring or enjoyable. Through repeated use of the document, learners become comfortable with the concept of providing feedback regarding their perceptions of learning activities, and benefit from participating in open exchanges of opinion that more closely resemble workplace feedback scenarios.

Plan and Review SUGGESTED RESOURCES

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Plan and Review ACTIVITY PLAN

Essential	Activity Aims	Facilitator Notes	Time	Materials
Skills	Learners place materials in appropriately numbered portfolio section. (Module 1)	As different topics are introduced learners are expected to file learning materials under different Module sections. Learners with organizational skills at Essential Skills Level 1 will require support as the number of sections utilized increases, but should be supported to take ownership of	5 mins	Learner portfolios Dividers
	Learners demonstrate understanding of concept of learner feedback. Learners complete attendance and feedback checklist.	their portfolios. Be clear that negative feedback is acceptable provided it is done respectfully. Be clear that all feedback is valuable if it leads to improvement. The way in which learner feedback is received by program facilitators must act as a model for those learners who find accepting criticism in any form very challenging. Be prepared to discuss learners' views about this session. The checklist is used as a tool to remind learners that they are expected to reflect on their own learning. As they become comfortable with the concept of providing feedback regarding the success (or not) of a particular session this should lead to open exchanges of opinion. Be prepared to discuss possible formats for feedback in the workplace. Be prepared to address strategies for dealing with inappropriate criticism from co-workers or supervisors.	5 mins	Flipchart / markers Computer White board –or- Projector/screen Attendance and feedback checklists



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