

**Learning about learning online**

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In the second half of 2000 the Victorian Office of Post Secondary Education and Training provided funding to establish the *Box Hill Learning Network*. This learning network consists of Box Hill Institute of TAFE, the City of Whitehorse, City of Manningham, Box Hill Hospital and Box Hill Senior Secondary College. The *Learning Network* used an action learning approach to develop a model for work-based learning, melding online learning technologies with learning community theory.

The first stage of this project has had to grapple with not only the creation of formal links between the *Learning Network* members but also the trialing of an online learning system and providing access to the participants. The online learning trial focused initially on aged care workers as a means of exploring the support needed to utilise online learning for workers who began with low computing skills and who often needed other support including an ESL program. This workshop will explore the experiences and learnings of the *Learning Network* partners, from the early stages of this project.