

# Deakin Learning Conference 2013

## 6 & 7 November



# Twenty-first Century Learning:

personal, relevant, engaged

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*The new generation classroom is transforming learning, cultivating engagement by focussing on the best use of collaborative time for active learning tasks. Our learning conference will walk the walk and re-orient itself towards workshops and roundtable discussion, supported by online cloud concepts and discussion papers.*



<http://www.deakin.edu.au/learning/events-and-news/learning-conference-2013>

	6 November		7 November	
9:00	Registration & Fuel-up	HB	Fuel-up	HB
9:30 - 10:30	Welcome Keynote: Diana Oblinger	LT13	Keynote: Omar Musa	LT13
10:30 - 11:00	Morning Tea	HB	Morning Tea	HB
11:00 - 12:30	Workshop Session 1	varies	Workshop Session 3	varies
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	HB	Lunch	HB
13:30 - 15:00	Workshop Session 2	varies	What Makes a Killer Cloud Concept?	LT13
15:00	Worldly Cafe and Afternoon Tea	HB	Speed Dating and Afternoon Tea	HB

## Registration

Please register your intention to attend on the conference site, to receive updates and further information.

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**Registration for individual workshop sessions is essential as places are limited.** Workshop outlines and cloud concepts are available on the conference site where you can choose which ones you wish to attend.

## Keynotes

### Diana Oblinger - Education and IT: Game Changers: What it Means for Deakin

*How can we reach more learners, more effectively, and with greater impact? Education changes lives and societies, but can we sustain the current model? New models and new technologies allow us to rethink many of the premises of education—location and time, credits and credentials, knowledge creation and sharing. Find out who is changing the game and what we can learn from the different approaches which are shaping educational futures internationally and here at Deakin.*

Diana G. Oblinger is president and CEO of EDUCAUSE, a nonprofit association whose mission is to advance higher education through the use of information technology. Previously, Oblinger held positions in academia and business, including vice president for information resources and chief information officer for the University of North Carolina system, executive director of higher education for Microsoft, and IBM director of the Institute for Academic Technology.

### Omar Musa: Education and the Voice of Change

*If knowledge is power then education can be the pathway to empowerment, particularly for those far from the centres of power in society. Musician, author and award winning poet Omar Musa takes us to the public role of education as an instrument for social change and equality. On the crest of global uncertainty, education's promise and responsibility is to give voice to the wordless and to help learners forge a pathway to a better place.*

Omar Musa won the Australian Poetry Slam in 2008 and the Indian Ocean Poetry Slam in 2009. He has released two solo hip hop records (*The Massive EP* and *World Goes to Pieces*), two self published books (*The Clocks* and *Parang*) and a self titled album with international hip hop group *MoneyKat*. He is set to publish his debut novel *Here Come the Dogs* through Penguin Books (Australia) in 2013.

## Workshops

In this year's Learning Conference we are making a break from the standard conference paper format and moving to interactive and engaging workshops. We have an intriguing array of practical and informative workshops provided by colleagues from across the entire university. Through these workshops we want to forge stronger connections and build networks and communities of practice for the future.

Workshops are strictly limited to 25 participants in each so registration is essential if you do not want to miss out on your choice of workshops. Cloud concepts and supporting materials will be uploaded to the conference site in the weeks leading up to event.

## Worldly Cafe

Afternoon tea on the 6th will take place in Worldly Cafe tables, each devoted to a hot topic in learning and teaching. This is an opportunity to crowdsource solutions to collective problems and dilemmas in the contemporary university.

From theworldcafe.com:

*Using seven design principles and a simple method, the World Café is a powerful social technology for engaging people in conversations that matter, offering an effective antidote to the fast-paced fragmentation and lack of connection in today's world.*

## What Makes a Killer Cloud Concept?

Through our Cloud Concepts we are leading innovation in learning media and technologies. In this plenary session we are opening a space for discussion about what makes a cloud concept different to other teaching media, and what makes for a great cloud concept. We will be taking stock of what we have learned so far and looking to how this medium will be a game-changer for educational practice.

## Speed Dating

The conference is an opportunity to network and share skills across the many different facets of the university. This event takes place during afternoon tea on the 7th. We have gathered a group of experts in many different fields of learning, each with a hot topic or field of advice to share, from mobile device knacks to teaching tips and ways of using new media tools.

## Catering

Morning and afternoon teas will be catered on the basis of conference registrations. We have arranged for Conference lunch boxes from Burwood's excellent Food4Thought which can be pre-ordered when you register and delivered to the venue to avoid waiting in lines. Menu choices and further details will be distributed to registrants closer to the conference date.