

Strategic Policy and Education Futures Division of the
Queensland Department of Education and the Arts
in conjunction with the Dusseldorp Skills Forum
invite you to attend an

Education Forum

Universal education: Equity and excellence, observations from home and abroad

Guest presentations and panel discussion

This forum is designed to stimulate discussion about the challenges associated with providing high-quality, equitable educational programs with the capacity to engage all young people.

Three guest speakers, affiliated with the Dusseldorp Skills Forum, will share knowledge and expertise from their involvement in a range of educational initiatives.

The Dusseldorp Skills Forum is an independent non-profit organisation with a charter to stimulate innovative educational developments and to improve the learning and work transitions of young Australians.

THE SPEAKERS

Constancia Warren, Carnegie Corporation, New York is an expert in school reform. She is a key player on the "Schools for a New Society Initiative" and serves on the Evaluation Task Force for the US Department of Education's "21st Century Learning Centre Initiative".

Laudan Aron, Urban Institute, Washington DC has more than 16 years experience in social policy research and has worked on many issues related to children and youth including special education, alternative education, child welfare, family violence and homelessness. She is providing strategic planning advice for high quality "second chance" learning opportunities for out-of-school youth to the US Department of Labour.

Jenni Connor, Educational Consultant, has been commissioned by Dusseldorp Skills Forum to conduct a local research project entitled "What's Mainstream". This project seeks to explore student, principal and teacher views about schooling, educational reform, non-school pathways and the dynamics between 'mainstream' provision and 'alternative' settings.

**Afternoon tea will be provided.
Please RSVP by 18 May 2006 to
Fiona Brown on ph (07) 3237 1281 or
via email fiona.brown@qed.qld.gov.au**

When?

**Monday, 22 May 2006
2:00pm to 4:30pm**

Where?

**Room 1, Level 3
(Ground level from George Street)
80 George Street, Brisbane**