

Exploring our interconnected world

The Social Educators' Association of Queensland (SEAQ) takes pleasure in inviting teachers of Years 3-10 to take part in a professional learning opportunity:

Pedagogies for Civics and Citizenship

Are you teaching Civics and Citizenship this year or planning to implement it next year? *The achievement standards for Civics and Citizenship* require that students investigate issues, draw conclusions and suggest possible actions to resolve an issue. The essence of a healthy democracy is open dialogue about issues of public concern. An integral part of the training of young citizens, therefore, includes the discussion of social, political, environmental and economic policies which may sometimes be controversial.

The suggested pedagogies emphasise teaching strategies suitable for the crucial elements of the inquiry model that involve critical thinking, democratic decision making, and creative problem solving from an ethical stance, including pondering actions that consider the Common Good. The intention is to develop habits of mind in students that will benefit them throughout their lives when they are confronted by issues and the need to make decisions. The pedagogies also embed the General Capabilities of Critical and creative thinking, Personal and social capability and Ethical understanding. This interactive workshop is suitable for all Year levels 3-10, with an opportunity for teachers in Band groups or Year levels to consider suitable issues and apply strategies to their own level.

Why? - Many teachers have no background in this curriculum area, but we are all expected to help realise the National Goal that "all students will become active and informed citizens". (Melbourne Declaration, 2008, p.9)

When? - Saturday 19th August 2017

What time? – 9.00 am to 12.30 pm. Registration from 8.30. Morning tea will be provided.

- Where? The Lakes College, 2 College St, North Lakes 4509. There is public transport to the North Lakes Hub, but a 10 minute walk from there to the school. Details about directions and parking will be provided to attendees.
- Cost? Members \$33; non-members \$44; pre-service teachers \$15 (incls GST)

A QCT compliant certificate will be made available.

Please register on the SEAQ website: <u>www.seaq.org.au</u> Due date for registration : Tuesday 15th August.