For staff & students...

….please distribute to all students in your program!

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1. Register NOW to attend the RMIT LEAD Student Awards night

It’s that time of year again - time to celebrate the massive effort made by RMIT students on Student Staff Consultative Committees and University Governance Committees

Every year hundreds of students contribute to the quality, vibrancy and vitality of university life through volunteering and student representation. The Student Volunteer Awards Night is a celebration of volunteers’ contributions and of staff members at the university who help to make it all happen.

In 2008, RMIT LEAD are throwing a celebrating with style, with the “Red Carpet Event”

When: Thursday 9 October, 2008
What: 6.00 pm - Pre-Award Drinks & Nibbles @ Info Corner: Building 22 – Corner Swanston & Latrobe Streets, City Campus
7.15 pm - Student Volunteer Awards @ Storey Hall: 342 Swanston Street, City Campus
To register: http://www.rmit.edu.au/lead/volunteerawards/register

• Be quick as tickets to the Pre-Award Drinks & Nibbles are strictly limited!

2. HURRY - RMIT LEAD Student Award nominations close Thursday 2nd October

Every year RMIT LEAD recognize student volunteers who have contributed to their volunteer program or activity in unique and outstanding ways. Students and staff can nominate, and award winners receive a monetary prize and a special plaque in recognition of their efforts.

The award categories for 2008 are:

- Mentoring
- Representation
- Community
- Sports
- Arts & Culture
- Events
- Leadership
If you know of an RMIT student volunteer who you think deserves to be recognized for their terrific contribution then fill in the nomination form.

**Prize:** $400 or $500 prize and a special plaque in recognition of their efforts.

**Nominations close:** October 2nd.

**For more information & to nominate for an award:**

3. **Thought about studying for one or two semesters overseas?**

4 continents, 26 countries, more than 100 partner universities: what are you waiting for?

Spend one or two semesters of your program overseas, find out where, how and more by attending an Education Abroad information session. You can:

- choose from more than 100 overseas partner institutions;
- spend one or two semesters at RMIT Vietnam;
- do study tours;
- complete international work placements;
- participate in exchanges if they are TAFE or Higher Education students;
- be eligible whether they are domestic and International students; and
- find out what financial assistance and travel grants


The next information session:
**Date:** Wednesday, 1 October
**Time:** 12pm - 12.45pm
**Venue:** Building 108, Bourke Street, Level 7, Room 21

**For more information:** Drop into the Education Abroad Office (Bld 15, Ground Floor )
**Thursdays during teaching periods for “Coffee Hour” 2.30pm - 3.30pm**

**NOW OPEN:** Applications for OS help, Travel Grants and John Storey Jr Memorial Scholarships for semester one, 2009

4. **Reminder - Daylight saving starts soon**

Starts on Sunday, 5 October, at 2am (when clocks will be wound forward to 3am).

5. **Rationalisation of the Learning Hub web site**

The Learning Hub web site is currently undergoing a series of improvements. These changes include:

- simplifying the structure to help staff and students locate information more easily;
- adding relevant new material;
- removing redundant material; and
- providing direct links to RMIT sites which provide learning resources (rather than duplicate this material in the Learning Hub).
These changes will also support the work surrounding myRMIT (student portal) over the coming months. This includes establishing an interface to allow students to seamlessly log in to the Learning Hub directly from myRMIT.

It is anticipated the website will be finished by the end of October. In the interim, this work may impact some of the links on current web pages. For more information contact helpdesk@rmit.edu.au

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6. **Travelling OS this summer break? Need discounted travel insurance?**

Leisure Travel Insurance for Staff and Students, RMIT has negotiated a 35 per cent discount on the cost of travel insurance for leisure travel. This insurance offer has been arranged with AIG Australia. The offer is available to all RMIT staff and students.


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7. **Survey on the sports media landscape**

School of Applied Communication student, Hugh Macdonald, is conducting a survey into the way the sports media landscape is changing.

He is looking specifically at the effect of the introduction of social media environments like blogs, wikis and forums where people can discuss sport; and how new technologies like internet-enabled camera phones and digital cameras allow people to capture their own sporting moments and share them. This means that sports fans no longer have to solely rely on the mainstream media for disseminating information about their favourite sports, teams and sports stars.

The survey is a quantitative investigation into just how many people are disseminating sporting information in this way and what their reasons are for doing so. If you’re interested in sport, take this survey and assist Mr Macdonald’s study into the way in which this interesting area of the media landscape is changing.


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8. **EDUCATION AT THE EDGES – an Anti-Poverty Week event (12-18 Oct.)**

University of Melbourne Chaplain, Wes Campbell, in association with JustAct, present the witty and wise JJJ and SBS media personality Bob Maguire is the MC with keynote Bronwyn Pike, Minister for Education, Victorian Government.

**When:** Tuesday 14 October (5-8pm),

**Where:** University of Melbourne - 1st Floor, Alan Gilbert Building (Executive Lounge)

EDUCATION AT THE EDGES will cover:
- Austudy, Youth Allowance - below the poverty line
- International students - second class?
- TAFE and disadvantage
- Educational alternatives?

To find out about activities being held during the Week, how to joining in, access resources about issues of poverty and hardship and get information about useful contacts [http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/](http://www.antipovertyweek.org.au/)

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