



ALCN Friday Forum
Lifelong Learning for Life and Work
 Friday 22 September 2023 3-4 pm (AEDT)

1. Advantages of extending the Learning City Approach into other areas of Local Government and beyond

George Osborne, Manager Economic Development, Hume City Council, will share examples of adapting a collaborative learning city approach to other areas of government, with a focus on Economic Development.

2. Learning and/or earning: Tensions between learning for the economic sphere (jobs) and learning for well-being/democracy

Maren Klein, Research Fellow, EU Centre of Excellence, RMIT will discuss the tensions between learning for the economic sphere (jobs) and learning for well-being/democracy. Maren will refer to the following paper: Maren Klein, Jose Roberto Guevara, Bruce Wilson, 2023, [Learning and/or earning: “Tensions between learning for the economic sphere \(jobs\) and learning for well-being/democracy.”](#)

Participants are encouraged to ask questions after each presentation, sharing ideas from their own practice.

Speakers

George Osborne, Manager Economic Development, Hume City Council

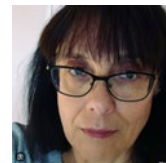


George has extensive experience including 22 years as an officer in the Australian Army; also, Manager Training and Development with the Country Fire Authority in Ballarat; General Manager of Training and Community Services with BEST Community Development, a multi award winning regional NFP.

In 2008 George commenced as Manager Learning Community with Hume City Council and now is Manager Economic Development.

George is focussed on economic inclusion, the circular economy and social inclusion and is currently a board director with SPEAK www.speak.org.au , NORTHLink <https://northlink.org.au/> and the ACE Hub www.acehub.org.au

Maren Klein, Research Fellow, European Union Centre of Excellence, RMIT University.



Maren is a social scientist with a keen interest in education. She originally trained as a secondary teacher and has worked in secondary tertiary education and re-training.

Her experience also includes education policy development with a focus on initial teacher education; assessment and examination coordination; and higher education compliance and regulation functions.

Her PhD explored mobility in/from the Global North. Her current research interests include education; contemporary German politics, society and culture; the European Union as a global actor; and multilevel governance.

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