

The 1st International Australasian Conference on Enabling Access to Higher Education will be held at the University of South Australia West campus in Adelaide, Australia, between 5-7 December 2011. This inaugural conference is also the fourth in the series of NCEE (National Committee for Enabling Educators) biennial conferences and has as its theme: "Aspirations, Access, Attainment: Adding Value & Transforming Lives through Widening Participation".

Students who undertake access/enabling education are richly diverse in terms of age and social, cultural, ethnic and educational backgrounds. While their aspirations are frequently challenged by considerable socio-economic obstacles, government policies around widening participation, aimed at mitigating educational disadvantage, are increasingly prominent. This first International Australasian conference, to be held in Adelaide and hosted by the University of South Australia, invites delegates from around the world to exchange ideas, perspectives and experiences, whether as researchers, practitioners, policy makers, or students.

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