



FACT SHEET

Week beginning Monday 8 October 2007

**A Learning Society
Meet Debbie Jeanes
SA Adult Educator of the Year**



Pictured with SA Adult Educator of the Year Debbie Jeanes (centre) are Ellen Jezierski (Centre Coordinator at Aberfoyle Community Centre) and Japanese student Izumi, a participant in Debbie's English Through Cooking group.

Nomination from Aberfoyle Community Centre

Debbie is a dedicated and outstanding educator who is held in high regard by all of the tutors and students she works with at Aberfoyle Community Centre. Over the past seven years, Debbie has gone well beyond her role as educator for the centre's literacy and numeracy program and provided mentoring and support for tutors and students as they moved on to further study. Many have made outstanding achievements that include employment, as well as qualifications at diploma and degree level.

Debbie has developed innovative learning programs such as an 'English through cooking', which has attracted interest from centres as far away as Queensland and Western Australia. She has developed her skills in using computers for learning, and also gained further qualifications to be able to deliver accredited training - enhancing the opportunities for her students to access high quality learning experiences.

Debbie has also demonstrated her commitment to social inclusion by developing a Youth Works Program that has been successful in re-engaging young people and re-connecting them with school and training pathways. She has recently participated in a national research project to trial tools that capture and record student achievements in non-accredited learning.

Her calm, positive and reassuring manner works to bring out the best in her students.

Congratulations to Debbie Jeanes from Aberfoyle Community Centre in Adelaide, South Australia's Adult Educator of the Year in 2007.