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What is the Wyndham Learning Festival?

Wyndham Community & Education Centre, with commitment and support from Wyndham City Council and partners, is proud to bring this exciting learning initiative to the community of Wyndham and beyond. The Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF) emerged from Wyndham City Council's Learning Community Strategy 2018–2023 and continues to be at the forefront of the Learning Community Strategy 2024 –2029.

Wyndham is growing fast, and learning is key to building a strong, connected community. The Wyndham Learning Festival is a yearly celebration of lifelong learning, bringing people of all ages and

backgrounds together through free events across the city. It's all about making learning fun, accessible, and something everyone can enjoy—whether you're a child, a young adult, or a senior.

Learning opens doors to new opportunities, better health, and a stronger, more adaptable community.









The Festival encourages people to step outside their comfort zones, try new things, and experience the joy of learning in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Wyndham Learning Festival 2025: A Decade of Discovery

The Wyndham Learning Festival turns 10 in 2025! Running 1-7 September, this year's theme, *A Decade of Discovery*, celebrates a decade of learning, connection, and community growth through a curated mix of in-person and virtual events for all ages.

Over the past ten years, the Festival has sparked curiosity and fostered lifelong learning. This milestone reflects on its impact in Wyndham while embracing future possibilities, highlighting how learning builds resilient, connected communities.

Shaped by community feedback, the program will offer meaningful, relevant experiences. More than a celebration, the Festival keeps learning accessible and exciting, honouring the past and inspiring another decade of discovery.

2025 categories include:



Who can be a WLF event holder?

Anyone can register interest to run a free learning event at the WLF. All events must be free for the duration of the festival and, if in person, be held in Wyndham.

Organisations that have previously participated in the WLF include:

- Individuals
- Interest groups
- Vocational and higher education institutions
- Museums

- Schools
- Businesses
- Community sheds
- Community centres
- Clubs

- Kindergartens and playgroups
- Libraries
- Galleries and art spaces
- Tourism venues

"Our community group had a fantastic time preparing and delivering this event as a service to our community to raise awareness about climate solutions that could have a positive impact in our local communities in Australia and across the Pacific Ocean." - 2023 Event Holder

Why run an event?

Hosting an event at the Wyndham Learning Festival benefits both hosts and attendees. Lifelong learning enhances quality of life, confidence, and growth, while giving community groups a voice and exposing organisations to diverse audiences. It builds skills like leadership, networking, and event planning for hosts, and strengthens community capabilities.

Event ideas include promoting programs, sharing positive practices (e.g., sustainability or healthy lunches), highlighting existing offerings, raising awareness, or celebrating milestones (e.g., new buildings or team achievements).



Planning a learning event

A successful event—live or virtual—requires careful planning and engaging presentation. Here's what to consider:

Audience & accessibility

The Wyndham Learning Festival values inclusivity, diversity, and safety, uniting people of all ages—from early years to seniors. When registering, specify your target audience: Early Years, School Years, Young Adults, Adults & Seniors, or Learning for All Ages. While we'll promote your event via our website and social media, you're responsible for attracting participants. Join our free June information session for tips on marketing and planning.

Make your event welcoming: ensure step-free access (entryways ideally 1.2m wide) for mobility aids, consider Auslan interpretation (see <u>Auslan Signbank</u>), and adapt materials for visually impaired attendees (check <u>IncludeAbility</u> and <u>ADCET - Australian Disability Clearinghouse on Education and Training</u>).

Note: A current Working with Children Check is required for presenters if children may attend.



Define your objective

The Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF) is a platform to showcase learning opportunities from individuals, organisations, or community groups, all aiming for positive outcomes. Clearly defining your objectives and outcomes ensures a focused message, making it easier to communicate and attract the right participants. Be sure to align your objective with one of the eight learning categories outlined above when planning your learning activities.

Take inspiration from some of the most popular events from 2024, featured in our gallery. Visit the WLF website's Gallery section at www.wynlearnfestival.org.au to explore highlights from previous years!









Event format

Learning events can be live (in-person) or virtual (online), formal or informal, and open to the public or invitation-only. They can be created for the WLF or adapt something you're already doing, with size and style up to you. Present live or pre-recorded, standalone or with a live intro, pre-recording, and Q&A—get creative with the format!

Venue hire

Plan ahead to secure a venue that suits your audience, seating, budget, and needs—it's your responsibility as the event host. Check the Wyndham City Council website for local community centres www.wyndham.vic.gov.au, some offering free bookings for WLF events—contact them directly and mention the Festival.

Book early, as spaces go fast! We'll help promote, but the venue's on you.

Budget

There is no allocated funding provided for event holders for the Wyndham Learning Festival. Each organisation is encouraged to run an event that suits their organisation, capacity, and budget.

If appropriate to your event, your budget should consider:

- Equipment, room hire, staffing, and resources.
- Booking guest speakers, presenters, or trainers.
- Marketing and promotion.

The Learning Festival team may be able to offer guidance on available grant options if approached with enough lead time. Wyndham City Council provides small grants for community organisations, making it beneficial to consider applying within a reasonable timeframe—check www.wyndham.vic.gov.au for details.

Safety and risk management

Safety is paramount for all involved—public, volunteers, and staff. Assess risks based on event scale, identifying hazards (e.g., government regulations, physical obstacles, weather, chemicals, safety issues, or reputation risks) and adding controls in a risk assessment. Review it regularly.

See templates at <u>Advice for managing major events safely | WorkSafe</u>
<u>Victoria</u>. Public liability insurance is a must.

COVID safe plan

Work with your venue to meet COVID safety rules, possibly creating a COVID safe plan. Start preparing with guidance from <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Victoria - Better Health Channel</u>. Follow all relevant COVID-safe guidelines.

Prepare for the unexpected

Have a backup plan for issues like tech failures, sick presenters, access problems, or weather impacts. Keep key contacts handy, plan alternatives, and inform attendees of changes.

Email major updates to <u>contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au</u> so we can update social media, Facebook, and website calendars.



Getting started

Plan

Plan your event early. Identify your target audience and how to reach them, then decide on the topic, objective, outcomes, duration, and venue for your learning event.

Register your event

Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) form on the Festival website at www.wynlearnfestival.org.au. After review, you'll get instructions to upload event details. Complete everything by 16 June 2025—late submissions can't be considered for 2025 but will be waitlisted for 2026.

Event participants will book directly through the Festival website, so double-check your details to avoid confusion and to make sure you receive all queries and registrations.

If you are using a third-party booking system, notify us at contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au to track numbers.

Need help? Email <u>contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au</u> with "**REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE**" in the subject—our part-time team will reply.

Please keep in mind that the Festival coordination team works part-time but will respond as soon as possible.

Marketing Your Event

tart marketing early to draw participants. Use social media—share images and stories and ask your networks to spread the word. Post on the WLF Facebook and Instagram with #wynlearnfestival and tag us!

While WLF promotes via our channels and website, you're responsible for attracting your audience. Join our Facebook group for event holders (invitation post-registration) to share tips and ideas.



Marketing tips:

- Use # @ wynlearnfestival on social media.
- Create a poster to share with your networks <u>remember to flag that the</u>
 <u>event is part of the WLF!</u>
- Send promo material to contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au with "EVENT NAME PROMO MATERIAL" in the subject for WLF Facebook support.
- List your event on Wyndham City Council's 'What's On' calendar at www.wyndham.vic.gov.au.
- Leverage local networks—word of mouth, emails, newsletters, or mentions at meetings.
- Engage in the Facebook group for updates and connections.
- Consider creating a Facebook event to boost interest.

WLF Promotion Support

We'll promote your event via:

- Website events calendar
- Posters and flyers

Email networks

- Community events and newsletters
- Online ads and stories
- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)

Media releases

Share your event online, tag us, and use:

- Facebook & Instagram: #wynlearnfestival
 #WyndhamLearningFestival2025
- Email: <u>contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au</u>
- Website: www.wynlearnfestival.org.au





Additional tips for running an online event

Equipment and filming

- Face the camera directly within its frame, avoiding odd angles.
- Use a tripod or stable surface to keep the camera steady.
- Keep your background tidy for a professional look.
- Film in landscape mode with your device's highest quality settings.
- Use earphones with a mic or a dedicated microphone for clear audio and less background noise.
- Ensure good lighting with a source in front and above, using natural light if possible—test it at event time.
- Choose a quiet room with soft furnishings to reduce noise and echoes (e.g., from pets or household sounds).

Planning and presentation

- Create a detailed agenda or script with key points and timing, placing notes near the camera for eye contact. Practise beforehand.
- Plan breaks, mix in visuals or breakout discussions, or split long sessions into parts to keep attendees engaged.
- Introduce yourself or the speaker, explain the session, and link it to the Wyndham Learning Festival.
- Keep talks short and clear, using closed captioning if available.
- Play background music from a separate device.
- Get audience permission to record for future promotion and enable the platform's recording feature.
- Request a WLF virtual background if desired.



Suggested platforms for virtual and online events:

PLATFORM	COST	WEBSITE
Zoom	Free: Limited Capability Paid: Additional Features	https://zoom.us/
MS Teams	Free: Limited Capability Paid: Additional Features	https://www.microsoft.com/en- au/microsoft-teams/free
Google Meet	Free	https://meet.google.com/
Skype	Free: Limited Capability Paid: Additional Features	https://www.skype.com/en/
YouTube	Free	https://www.youtube.com/
Facebook Live	Free	https://www.facebook.com/formedia/ tools/facebook-live
Insta Live	Free	https://help.instagram.com/

Photos and videography

Photos and videos capture your event's highlights. At the start, let attendees know you'll be taking photos, videos, or screenshots to share with your group and the Wyndham Learning Festival (WLF).

Use photo consent forms to get permission and ask people to turn off cameras (online) or notify your photographer if they don't want images used.

Assign someone to take photos or screenshots—presenters and organisers will be too busy. Pick the best shots to share with WLF and for your future promotion.

Post event activities

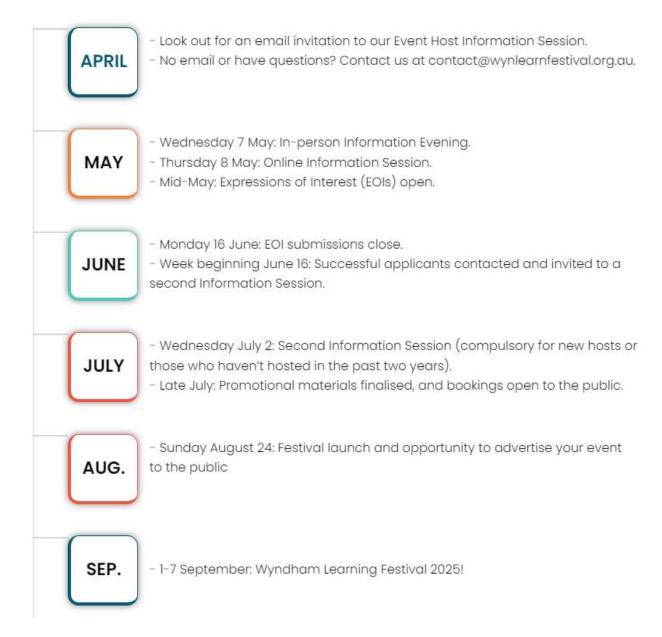
Evaluate and share your Wyndham Learning Festival experience

After your event, share your success! Post photos, comments, and stories on social media to celebrate and reach those who couldn't attend. Track attendance with a simple sign-in sheet for data collection. Post-Festival, you'll get two online surveys—one for participants (email them the link we provide) and one for you, the event holder, due by 20 September 2025. Surveys help us improve and let you thank attendees. Wishing you a great WLF experience!

Wishing you an enjoyable and successful Wyndham Learning Festival!

For more info, reach the WLF Coordinator at 0478 740 941 or contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au.

Key dates









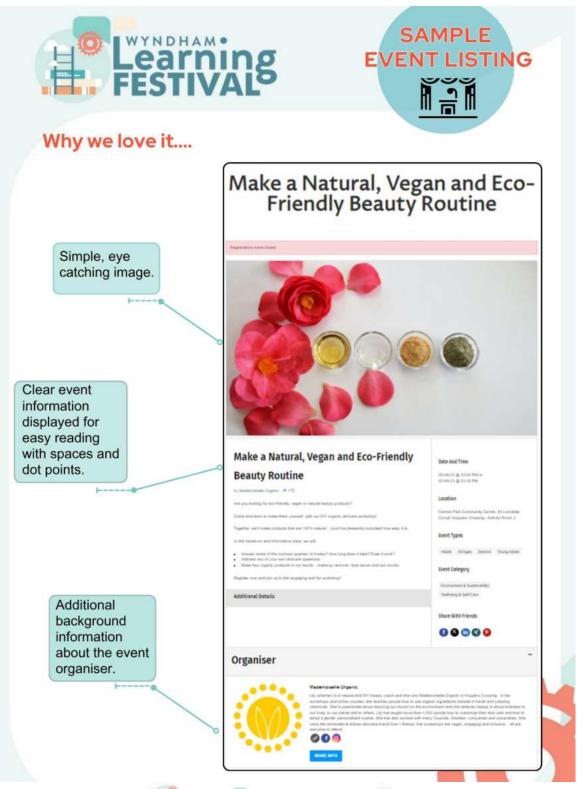
Print this check list to help manage your learning event.

Email contact@wynlearnfestival.org.au with any feedback or questions.

Pre-planning	Planning
Audience	Set date and time
Objectives	Decide if your event will be live or virtual
Type of event	Plan your platform / Book a venue
Budget	Create an event timeline or schedule
Number of participants	Register your event on the WLF website
Invitation list (if appropriate) Consider any VIPs you are requesting	Think about marketing including social media
to attend Legal and insurance requirements	Book guests speakers, presenters, or trainers
Legal and insurance requirements	Book equipment and resources needed
Publicity	Develop a risk management plan Create and send invitations
Create your promotional material adding the WLF logo	
Share and tag promotional material on social media	Evaluation
Promote to your networks and friends	Share feedback with WLF organisers
Invite media to your event or write a media release	Collect feedback from participants Complete event holder survey
Nominate a person to record or photograph your event. (Or take screenshots if online!)	Pass on WLF survey (provided) to attendees
Share your event photos and stories with the #wyndhamlearningfestival on social media	
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Inspiration from past Festivals

We've collected past Wyndham Learning Festival examples to inspire your event presentation. Despite this year's new booking system, focus on clarity, engagement, and accessibility to stand out. Use these ideas to plan and attract participants!







Why we love it....

Beautiful image showing participants what can be produced at the workshop.

Concise description

entice participants.

with enough information to



Rag Roping Workshop

by Wyndham City Libraries - Adults Team 2 112

During the workshop, you will learn how to create beautiful ropes using old rags and other ma Connection will guide you through the process step-by-step, so you can create your own uniq

This workshop is perfect for anyone interested in traditional crafts, upcycling, or just look ative activity. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided

Additional Details

Full event details including multiple categories selected. Event registration closed.

Date And Time

07-09-23 @ 10:30 AM to 07-09-23 @ 12:30 PM

Registration End Date

06-09-23

Location

Point Cook Library, 1-21 Cheetham Street Point

Event Types

Adults Seriors

Event Category

Environment & Sustainability The Arts Welbeing & Self-Care

Share With Friends















Why we love it....

Bright colours and clear eye catching photo.

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Detailed information about the event made easy to read with the use of subheadings. Participants know exactly what to expect.

Additional video for those who prefer visuals.

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