

## South Australian Section

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Jacque Taylor, a member of WEF SA Section committee, is currently employed by the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training to promote the 'What Works: The work program improving outcomes for Indigenous students'. Recently she presented a successful workshop for WEF SA open to South Australian educators and giving the audience an outline of the program.

Jacque highlighted the aim of the program, which is to increase achievement of Indigenous students and to encourage reconciliation. It has three common phases, which lead to success:

- building awareness
- forming partnerships or as Jacque liked to call it, forming relationships
- working systematically.

It is a non-blame program about going on together, making progress together for social justice. The focus is on individual students not generalisations, changing an individual rather trying to change the world.

A workbook provided to participants at the meeting focused on components of the program and included an excellent Action Plan involving family. Jacque considers this is vital to the success of achievement.

The web site for the program, [www.whatworks.edu.au](http://www.whatworks.edu.au) offers web site conversations and other excellent resources for teachers to use. Jacque also recommended the Lore of the Land as another excellent resource with interactive games. It can be located at [www.loreoftheland.com.au](http://www.loreoftheland.com.au) although many schools may already have this CD.

Jacque can be contacted at [jtaylor@esc.net.au](mailto:jtaylor@esc.net.au) for further information. The audience provided positive feedback to Jacque for her presentation.

WEF SA Section members are also working towards the November/ December UNESCO/WEF/APNIEVE conference.