

**Saturday 14 October**

**Brisbane Convention and  
Exhibition Centre**

***Professional development for Queensland Teacher Aides***



# YOUR CONFERENCE, YOUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS!

- 1 When is this year's conference?**

Lighting the Way (LTW) will be held Saturday 14 October 2023. The conference will commence at 8.30am, with the last session finishing at 4.45pm. All guests are invited to attend the LTW afterparty from 5pm in the Boulevard room of the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre, where light nibbles and drinks will be served, and a DJ will keep guests entertained! Please note, for catering purposes there will be a separate rsvp when you register for this event, there is no additional cost.
- 2 Where is the venue?**

The conference will be held at the **Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, (BCEC)** corner Merivale and Glenelg Streets South Brisbane. Centrally located, the BCEC provides the perfect space for guests to spread out and enjoy a special day together.
- 3 When can I get tickets, and how much will it cost to attend?**

Registration will be available to United Workers Union members from 9am Thursday 17 August 2023. Members will be emailed a booking link prior to opening. Tickets for members cost **\$55**. Tickets for UWU non-members cost **\$80**, and students cost **\$25**.
- 4 Does my school cover the cost of my attending (flights, accommodation, and registration)?**

LTW is an opportunity for Teacher Aide professional development, and covering the cost of attending is at the discretion of each school's Principal. Have a discussion with your Principal about LTW, and if there is an opportunity for costs to be covered by your school's budget. For regional Teacher Aides the department has a travel assistance fund, please talk to your Principal about accessing that fund. Your Union knows how valuable professional development is for Teacher Aides, and supports schools providing professional development for Teacher Aides through conferences such as LTW.



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### What if I live in the regions? Where should I stay?

There are plenty of accommodation options close to the BCEC. Some of these include:

- [The Capitol Apartments](#)
- [Ivy & Eve Apartments](#)
- [Brisbane One Apartments](#)
- [Atlas Apartments](#)
- [Novotel South Bank](#)

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### What about getting to the venue?

Parking is available at BCEC. Early bird rates start at \$15, with further information regarding parking and costs [available here](#). The BCEC is also conveniently located close to public transport, including the South Brisbane train station and buses. For transport information, [follow the link here](#). The BCEC is only a short walk from the Brisbane CBD.

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### What can I hope to get out of attending the conference?

Where should we start? LTW is an opportunity for Teacher Aides to undertake professional development. It is a day for you to upskill, learn, share and feel empowered! This year, we have a fantastic range of presenters covering topics from mental health and wellbeing for Teacher Aides, to positive behaviour strategies and support, legal issues in education and superannuation advice. This year's keynote speaker, Steph Tisdell, will be both entertaining and informative. The conference is your day to take time for you, to learn, grow, network, celebrate and relax!

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### If I buy a ticket and can't attend, can I ask for a refund?

Refunds will be provided at the discretion of your Union. Any request for LTW refunds can be directed via email to [gldevents@unitedworkers.org.au](mailto:gldevents@unitedworkers.org.au)

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### Is lunch included?

Bring your appetite! Guests will enjoy a delicious morning tea, buffet lunch and afternoon snack, as well as nibbles and drinks at the LTW after party. You can let us know any dietary requirements when you register.

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### Am I guaranteed the workshops that I would like to attend?

The best way to ensure you get into the workshops you would like to attend is by registering early. There are four workshop sessions throughout the day, allowing attendees the opportunity to attend most of your preferred workshops. Each workshop has size restrictions, so get in early to secure your spot!

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### Can I change my sessions if I change my mind?

Sessions will not be able to be changed after registration so please choose carefully.

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### Can you invoice my school for the registration cost, or do we have to pay with a card?

No, we will not be able to invoice schools individually, but BM's, Admin or Principals will be able to pay directly via the LTW registration page and they can pay for more than one person at a time, so multiple TA's can enrol at once. Just ensure that the BM has the details of which workshop sessions you would like to attend at time of registration. Schools can pay with a corporate card though as school leadership should have a corporate card that they can pay with. That would save attendees having to pay yourself and then doing a reimbursement request.

**Any further questions can be directed to UWU via**  
**[gldevents@unitedworkers.org.au](mailto:gldevents@unitedworkers.org.au)**