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## TEACHING @ SYDNEY

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### Widening Participation Showcase highlights

The Widening Participation Scholars Network (WPSN) celebrated a great year for the group at a showcase on Wednesday 28th November. Project leaders shared outcomes from their Widening Participation grants in poster format. Highlights included successful student-led mentoring programs at the Conservatorium of Music and Health Sciences, and a financial assistance package which enabled teachers from schools in low socio-economic status areas to attend a Science Teachers workshop.

Amani Bell, Simon Barrie, Annette Cairnduff and Mary Teague made a presentation about the Network at [the joint International Conference of the Australian Association for Research in Education and the Asia Pacific Educational Research Association](#) this week, highlighting evaluation data and considering further enhancements to this network capacity building approach to supporting widening participation. Early results from a survey of WPSN members show that 73% of respondents agree that the Network is useful for their work, and “feel supported and part of a community of colleagues who want to engage and motivate students”.

A new round of projects - [two ‘flagship’ and six ‘implementation’](#) - has recently commenced. In 2013, there will be a further round of project funding available. The new funding round will be announced shortly via Staff News and the WPSN listserv.

If you are interested in hearing about opportunities for funding and professional development you can join the Network [here](#).

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