

# About 26TEN

## What we do

26TEN unites business, community and government in a statewide effort to raise adult literacy and numeracy levels. Our name comes from the 26 letters of the alphabet, and the ten digits we use for counting.

Since 2012, 26TEN has been Australia's only statewide, comprehensive and long-term response to lifting adult literacy and numeracy. It also has tri-partisan political support.

The 26TEN vision is for all Tasmanians to have the literacy and numeracy skills they need to participate fully in work and life.

## Our goals

1. Everyone knows about adult literacy and numeracy.
2. Everyone is supported to improve their skills and to help others.
3. Everyone communicates clearly.

## Who we are

- 26TEN Network of organisations and individuals who promote 26TEN and have 26TEN action plans to address literacy needs in their workplaces and communities
- 26TEN Coalition of influential Tasmanians, who encourage their sectors to support adult literacy and numeracy. Sectors include community, health, education, law, adult learning and skills, agriculture, disability, aged care, and state and local government.
- 26TEN Team that implements the 26TEN Tasmania Strategy with members of the Network and Coalition. Our roles cover literacy, plain English, administration, teaching, volunteering, communications, community development, and bringing people together to make a difference

## What we offer

- 26TEN employer grants provide employers with up to \$50 000 for projects to lift workplace literacy and numeracy skills
- 26TEN Communities: Local Literacy for Work and Life provides longer-term funding that unites people and organisations to provide help where and when it is needed, creating lasting improvement in adult literacy and numeracy skills
- 1300 002 610 help line - to guide and refer Tasmanians seeking help
- 26TEN Chat - a five-step guide to help start a conversation with those who struggle with reading, writing or maths
- 26TEN website - focuses on building collective action for the 26TEN Network and informs Tasmanians about adult literacy programs and services and how they can get involved
- 26TEN communications campaign - to inform the community of the benefits of adult literacy and numeracy skills and how the 26TEN network can help

## Free statewide workshops

- 26TEN Steps Literacy Awareness workshops improve understanding of the complex issues around adult literacy and show how people can help
- Plain English workshops promote clear communication that enhance access to information for all Tasmanians

