



## NT businesses take up technology for training

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Technology is helping Northern Territory (NT) businesses save thousands of dollars in staff training costs and creating more effective teaching resources for workers.

In the case of the Traditional Credit Union (TCU), this financial institution is working with the Chamber of Commerce NT to develop technology to induct new staff comprehensively into their jobs.

TCU's remote community tellers are mainly Indigenous people who often speak English as a second, third or fourth language.

TCU also spends thousands of dollars on flying remote staff to Darwin for their induction training, in addition to the cost of hiring trainers and staff down time.

In the past, delivery of the training relied heavily on paper-based material. In a bid to move away from this, TCU is developing an e-learning resource designed specifically for Indigenous people that can teach new tellers directly in their communities.

The e-resource will incorporate the multi-award winning marvin language and animation software technology – designed to overcome cultural and language barriers – to provide more culturally appropriate training for new tellers.

TCU's staff initiatives have earned it two recent awards, including a Reconciliation Australia Indigenous Governance Award and runner-up Employer of the Year at the 2008 NT Training Awards.

This is only one example of how technology is making an impact on the Territory.

From next week (19-24 October), *E-nabling NT – taking the show on the road 08* will visit 14 locations across the Territory, showcasing how technology is delivering real skills and real job opportunities to Territorians.

Innovative technology-based training and learning solutions are connecting remote teachers, trainers and learners, offering equal access to learning opportunities for all Territorians, regardless of location.

Organisations and businesses will discover how technology can assist them with their workforce development needs, while giving workers an opportunity to gain official recognition for skills they already have.

Teachers and trainers will be shown how to access and use free electronic training resources, featuring scenarios, images and activities that simulate real life, to engage students.

All Territorians are invited to attend one or more of the 14 *E-nabling NT – taking the show on the road 08* mobile events to try, test and play with new gadgets and technologies. Free giveaways, sausage sizzles and information packs will be available on the day - which offers a great opportunity for locals to catch up with colleagues and friends.

You can visit *E-nabling NT – taking the show on the road 08* at any of the following locations:

- Sunday 19 October – Alice Springs
- Monday 20 October – Ti Tree and Ali Curung
- Tuesday 21 October – Tennant Creek, Elliot, Dunmarra and Daly Waters
- Wednesday 22 October – Larrimah, Mataranka and Katherine
- Thursday 23 October – Pine Creek, Jabiru and Batchelor
- Friday 24 October – Darwin.

*E-nabling NT - taking the show on the road 08* is an initiative of the Northern Territory Government and is proudly supported by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework.

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