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## Workshop to focus on learning cultures in Tassie

How should we best prepare our children and young people for the future? How can we help them to stay connected to an education that is relevant, that inspires excellence and that pushes them to realise their capabilities? What role can we play individually and collectively?

The persistence of the challenge of education in Tasmania reminds us of the grit in the shell of an oyster; the oyster makes the sandy grit part of itself to produce something beautiful – a pearl.

UTAS invites educators, employers and other Tasmanians to be part of an interactive workshop that aims to inspire us to act together: *Grit in the Shell: Learning Cultures in Tasmania*.

The workshop will be facilitated by Jane Stratton of Think + Do Tank. Underpinning Jane's work is the basic belief that engendering greater popular participation in public life leads to more inclusive, tolerant and safer communities.

Participants will be provided with thought-provoking readings and questions before the workshop. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

We look forward to a robust and vibrant exchange that can inform us all to build a transformative culture of learning and education in Tasmania.

### Event details

**Who:** Jane Stratton, community members, UTAS staff

**What:** *Grit in the Shell: Learning Cultures in Tasmania* workshop

**When:** Thursday 30 May 2013, from 10.30am-3pm

**Where:** Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Tamar Room, Newnham UTAS Campus

**Cost:** \$25 per person to be paid upon confirmation of your place

**RSVP** by Friday 24 May to [Joanne.McLaren@utas.edu.au](mailto:Joanne.McLaren@utas.edu.au) or 61 3 6324 3343

Places are strictly limited to 30 so please RSVP soon.

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