

Adult Literacy Tutor Workshop

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Early in 1991, the Department of Youth and Sport in the Ministry of Education, Fiji, conducted a workshop for people in education interested in establishing adult literacy programs. The following is part of a report about that workshop.

- 1 Workshop participants were mainly teachers. In fact there were two retired Education Officers, teaching staff members from the Lautoka Teachers' College, some District and Divisional Education Officers, some head teachers and assistant teachers, one Talatala (Reverend or Minister of the Methodist Church) and two Youth workers.

- 2 The aim that the content of the workshop will be implemented by participants, is based on the expectations of the co-ordinators that the literacy program can be part of the school based approach used in our Adult and Community Education.

 The two pronged approach is directed at the two main areas (school and community) of our involvement in Adult and Community Education.

- 3 Out of the thirty or so participants, only six have sent in reports of their literacy programs. Eleven other participants are also quite active but have yet to send in reports of their literacy activities.

In all the reports received so far, we found that programmes are organised as workshops. Participants in these workshops are encouraged to state clearly the problems they face before giving possible solutions and their

contribution as well as assistance to be requested from outside sources.

Survey formats used to identify need areas in Tagaqe, where workshop participants in Nacocolevu did their practical work were in fact designed by them. The forms were then tested and finalised for use in the community.

The Workshop was facilitated by U.T. Karavaki and the Director of the Department of Youth and Sport, P. Cavu. Both participants and facilitators learnt from each other in true participatory style.