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## **Creating capacity: new approaches to evaluation in education**

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Professor Martin Westwell

**Abstract:** Whether we like it or not, education is essentially an enormous social engineering experiment shaping our lives, communities and economies. As the world changes, so education and the evaluation of education must change in concert. In considering new approaches to evaluation in education we will explore why we need it, what it might look like and how we can avoid missing the point!

The subject matter will be of interest education policy-makers and program managers in public and private sectors, including those shaping the national assessment and schools performance initiatives including the myschool.edu.au website.

**Presenter:** Professor Martin Westwell, is the first Director of the Flinders Centre for Science Education in the 21st Century and one of the leading educational thinkers of our time.

After completing his PhD at Cambridge University, Martin moved to Oxford University as a Research Fellow in Biological and Medical Sciences. While researching artificial DNA he began a program of work in science education and public-engagement-with-science.

Prior to moving to Adelaide in 2007 Martin was Deputy Director of the Institute for the Future of the Mind. Here he ran the research program on the influence of modern lifestyles and technologies on the minds of the young and the old.

Martin has been named by The Times of London as “Scientist of the New Century”.

Martin’s wife Val is a maths teacher and their two boys attend Bridgewater Primary School.

**Time:** 4:30 (for a prompt start at 4.45 pm) – 6:30 pm  
**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010  
**Venue:** Education Development Centre (EDC)  
Milner Street, Hindmarsh  
(free parking off Orsmond Street – or catch the tram!)

Light refreshments will be served.

For catering purposes please RSVP [john.collins2@sa.gov.au](mailto:john.collins2@sa.gov.au) by 5 pm Thursday 29 April

**Can't get to Hindmarsh? Using Centra, DECS will broadcast this presentation live over the internet allowing two-way, real-time interaction during question time.**

**Contact [john.collins2@sa.gov.au](mailto:john.collins2@sa.gov.au) ASAP for log-on details.**

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