



Bridges Emerging Leader Mutual Industry Award

Nominate yourself or nominate someone you know for the 2011 Bridges Emerging Leader Mutual Industry Award.

The Bridges Emerging Leader Mutual Industry Award is specifically targeted at up-and-coming credit union or building society managers who want to build a leadership career in the industry. The Award, valued at up to \$10,000, will cover travel, accommodation and attendance at an industry specific conference.

Nominees will need to demonstrate:

- Their commitment to the mutual financial services industry
- Innovation in management
- Aptitude for leadership
- Ability to implement initiatives that benefit their credit union or building society

Nominees must also be aged 35 or under and be a member of the AM Institute.

The recipient of the 2011 Bridges Emerging Leader Award will be announced in October at the Convention in Cairns.



The 2011 Bridges Emerging Leader Award, Michelle Coelho, Community CPS Australia with Jason Kriss, Bridges.

Recognise and develop your upcoming industry leaders by registering now for the 2011 Emerging Leader Program

Nominations close 23 September 2011

Download your nomination forms from 'Interact'

Remember... Early Bird registrations receive a \$300 discount!



2011 Abacus Emerging Leader Program

Cairns Convention Centre | 22-26 October 2011

The Abacus Emerging Leader Program is designed to provide the future leaders of the Mutual industry with the practical tools required to develop strategy and assist their organisations to move forward in the current dynamic and ever challenging financial services environment.

In following this year's theme of "Optimism and Opportunity", delegates will work with professional facilitators to develop skills to become proactive leaders, as well as maintain a positive attitude and identify opportunities for their respective organisations to continue moving forward. This will be provided through a full agenda of interactive sessions relevant to the Financial Services industry.

Sessions include:

- Courageous Leadership
- Identifying Emotional & Social Intelligence for improving relationships
- Leveraging Social Media
- Mutual's Foundation Forum

Who can attend?

Any employee who is aged between 18 and 35 and who wants to build a leadership career in the mutual industry is welcome to join the Emerging Leader Program, all you need to do is register by the closing date.

"Attending the Abacus Emerging Leaders program was a fantastic opportunity to network with like-minded individuals working in the mutual sector. I would strongly recommend this program to anyone who is looking to strengthen their leadership skills and also learn more about the continuing challenges and dynamic environment in which the mutual sector operates."

Ashlee O'Kane, Product Development, IMB

"The Emerging Leader program provided me with an insight into the operation of credit unions and building societies of various sizes. It was very interesting to network with other like minded people and hear about their achievements within their organisations. The program provided me with a number of skills that will assist me in my current role, particularly in my dealing with various managers and other departments within my credit union."

Julie Riddle, Audit Services Officer, Australian Central Savings & Loans

Important dates

Early Bird registration deadline
1 September 2011

EL Award Nominations
23 September 2011



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Optimism and Opportunity

Session Information

Courageous Leadership

This session will equip Emerging Leaders with the ability to design and practice reflective, contextual and well thought out leadership strategies. Based on the internationally acclaimed Herrmann Brain Dominance Instrument (HBDI), Emerging Leaders will experience how to apply Whole Brain thinking in order to understand and develop their leadership emotional and social intelligences. This interactive workshop will be presented by Dianna Vitasovic from Innovation Culture. Dianna has 30 years experience in organisational development and has collaborated with many top international firms on a range of leadership and transformation projects. Dianna's facilitates internationally on leadership transformation programs and has taught on the MBA program at Curtin University. Presently Dianna is a Co-Principal of the Centre of Innovation in Decision Quality (CIDQ) at Curtin University where she consults in executive education and facilitates in programs and research in leadership Innovation & Collaboration projects.



Leveraging Social Media

This session will provide Emerging Leaders with insights in how social media channels can be leveraged to attract and retain young members. Our guest speaker is Devin Selte, Senior Relationship Manager at Servus Credit Union in Alberta, Canada. In addition to enlightening Emerging Leaders on the unique attributes of the Canadian Credit Union movement, Devin will outline Servus Credit Union's industry leading product and marketing program- Young & Free Alberta. Devin will also cover the use of social media through Twitter, Facebook and blog to promote the industry and his personal experiences as a young credit union leader.



Foundation Forum

Built on the idea of 'getting back to basics', this unique forum will provide Emerging Leaders with an insight into the world of our organisation's leaders. Industry experts will explain some of the fundamental principles used in top level decision making and strategic planning processes which are crucial for an organisation's success. Guest speakers will discuss senior leadership roles typically found in mutual financial institutions, as well as outlining the challenges faced by senior executives and how to consider the full impact of decision making from both a strategic and a front line perspective.



Emerging Leader Program Snapshot

Sunday 23 October 2011

Emerging Leader Stream Introduction	1600
Welcome Reception	1730

Monday 24 October 2011

Mutuals Foundation Forums	0900
Courageous Leadership	1300
Cheese and Wine Hour	1700
Emerging Leader Dinner	1900

Tuesday 25 October 2011

Courageous Leadership	1130
Emerging Leader Lunch with CEOs	1300
Identifying Emotional & Social Intelligence	1415

Wednesday 26 October 2011

Leveraging Social Media	1100
Emerging Leader Plenary Address	1415
Emerging Leader Award Presentation	1515
Abacus/ AM Institute Gala Dinner	1900

Cost

Earlybird registration (closes 1 Sept)	\$870
Standard registration	\$1170

