

## **Who we are** <sup>[1]</sup>

**Australia's future wellbeing and prosperity depend on learning being highly valued across society. Our nation's approach to learning must change if we are to develop broader capabilities and achieve a lively learning culture.**

To work towards this, the Koshland Innovation Fund and State Library Victoria partnered to create the Australian Learning Lecture (ALL). The decade-long project is designed to strengthen the importance of learning in Australia for all Australians. ALL reflects the desire of both organisations to elevate the position of learning in Australian society.

## **Koshland Innovation Fund**

The Koshland Innovation Fund is a sub-fund of the Australian Communities Foundation, established by Ellen Koshland <sup>[2]</sup>. Its goal is to raise the profile of learning in the national consciousness and support systemic change by injecting new and challenging ideas into public debate.

In 1989, Ellen established the Education Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation that sought to stimulate new thinking about public education in Australia and fund innovative student projects in public schools.

Along with her role as President of the Education Foundation, Ellen Koshland has served as the Victorian Co-Chairperson of Anti-Poverty Week in 2007, an Education Ambassador for the Melbourne Community Foundation and a Director of The Foundation for Young Australians.

## **State Library Victoria**

Established in 1856 as the Melbourne Public Library, State Library Victoria <sup>[3]</sup> is Australia's oldest public library and one of the first free public libraries in the world.

The Library seeks to elevate and promote the role of libraries in community learning at a national level. Its strategic plan aims to position the Library as a site for information, learning and debate.

The Library's founders believed that access to knowledge was critical for the development of a civil and prosperous community, and created the Library as 'the people's university' ? a place of learning and discovery for all Victorians. With a wealth of resources available both onsite and online, the Library continues to play an important role in learning and education.

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