

Summer policy briefing

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**Tuesday 21 July 2009**

NIACE, Renaissance House, 20 Princess Road West, Leicester LE1 6TP



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# Adult Learning and the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills

What are we to make of it?

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## Background

After just 20 months, the decision to give post-school education a voice in the Cabinet was reversed when the Government re-shuffle of June 5th wound-up the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS). Although the creation of Business, Innovation and Skills was described as a merger of DIUS and the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, the new 'super-ministry' was seen by most commentators as a take-over, strengthening the powers and responsibilities of the new First Minister, Lord Mandelson.

Although there may have been an element of political expediency involved, the changes would not, however, have been a complete surprise to readers of New Industry, New Jobs, the Government's strategy document for economic recovery.

As the world of post-school education and training assesses how the changes will impact on a system already in flux in preparation for the demise of the Learning and Skills Council, there are also indications that the new Department might be even shorter-lived than its predecessors if the next general election results in a change of Government.

This event will take the form of a briefing about the new Department and a SWOT analysis of how anyone concerned with adult learning might best protect and promote learners' interests over the coming months in a changing landscape. Delegates will have the opportunity to discuss the points and issues raised

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## Programme

- 09:45** Arrival and registration (tea/coffee available)
- 10:15** Welcome and introduction  
Lucia Quintero-Re, Policy Officer, NIACE
- 10:45** Keynote address  
Alastair Thomson, Principal Advocacy Officer, NIACE
- 11:30** Questions, discussions and closing remarks
- 12:00** Lunch and networking (tea/coffee available)
- 12:30** Depart

This programme is correct at the time of going to press. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the published programme in the event of one or more of the advertised speakers being unable to attend. Delegates have no claim against NIACE in respect of such changes.

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## Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:45am for a 10:15am start. The event will end at 12:30pm
- Event fee per person: £85 (includes lunch, tea/coffee)
- **NB: NIACE does not charge VAT on conference and course fees**
- If you wish us to invoice your employer we require a copy of the Purchase Order
- Please note that the absence of a Purchase Order / Order Number will delay the processing of your application form
- Only application forms with the payments section completed will be processed
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms
- Completed and signed application forms must be faxed or posted to NIACE by the closing date. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted
- Application forms are individually acknowledged by e-mail. Joining instructions, including map and directions, will be emailed out one week before the event
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions
- If you have not received an e-mail confirming your attendance and joining instructions 4 working days before the event please contact:

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## Application conditions

Event: Tuesday 21 July 2009

**Closing Date: Thursday 9 July 2009**

- Cancellations are non-refundable
- The full fee is payable prior to the event
- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of electronic-notetakers, sign language interpreters and translation to Braille.

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The National Institute is active in many areas - in research, development, publishing, seminars, conferences and training courses, and has an active individual membership.

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My organisation has authorised my attendance on **Tuesday 21 July 2009, Leicester**

## Participant's details

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Full name \_\_\_\_\_

Job title \_\_\_\_\_ Organisation \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime tel No. \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide an email address that is your own and regularly accessed as this will be used to send you joining instructions.

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## Participant's requirements

I have no special requirements	I will require a hearing loop
I will need support for my visual impairment	I will need wheelchair access
I will need an electronic note-taker	I will need facilities for an assistance dog
I will require a sign language interpreter (please specify)	
I require event materials in a specified format (please specify)	
I have the following dietary requirements (please specify)	
I have further additional requirements (please specify)	

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## Sectoral Monitoring

Adult Education College	Community Education Provider	Further Education
Government Body	Higher Education	Information/ Guidance Provider
Learning and Skills Council	Libraries, Museums, Archives, Arts	Local Government (inc. Ed Authorities)
Media	Offender Education	Open, Distance or e-learning Provider
Union	Vocational Education and Training	Voluntary Sector and Charities

## Ethnic and Equal Opportunities Monitoring

Bangladeshi	Black African	Black Caribbean	Chinese
Dual Heritage	Indian	Other Asian	Other Black
Pakistani	White	Any other ethnic group	
<b>Gender</b>	Female	Male	
<b>Age</b>	Under 30	31-50	51+

## Agreement

By signing the form the individual agrees to this event's Terms and Conditions

Signature	PRINT First (given) and family names	Date
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