

Engaging and supporting homeless people through informal adult learning

Wednesday 17 March 2010
Crisis, 66 Commercial Street, London E1 6LT

Background

Mainstream learning provision is often inaccessible to homeless people because they can find it difficult to sustain the long-term commitment required of mainstream learners. It can also be unappealing because the curriculum can appear irrelevant to their immediate needs. Conversely, informal adult learning offers opportunities for homeless people to explore their abilities and develop their motivation and self-esteem by offering a curriculum that is engaging and relevant to their current circumstances within a structure that is flexible enough to accommodate their needs.

Recognition of the potential of informal adult learning to support rehabilitation pathways for homeless people is increasing. Recent programmes such as the Transformation Fund and the Community Learning Champions Support Programme have provided funding for a greater volume of provision and encouraged many new providers to become involved. Much of this activity has involved partnership working between learning and skills providers and agencies, which support homeless people.

Developments have reached a stage where it would be helpful to evaluate progress so far in order to make the most of the future potential of informal adult learning for homeless people.

Aims

The event aims to:

- raise awareness of the potential of informal adult learning in the early engagement of homeless people
- examine the role of informal adult education in assisting rehabilitation and promoting health and well being through the development of personal and social skills
- examine progression routes from informal adult learning towards mainstream learning, work and independence
- evaluate current policy and to make suggestions for future policy development.

Audience

- Policy makers within governments departments and regional and local authorities
- Managers and practitioners from agencies and intermediaries involved in supporting homeless people including charities, social enterprises, IAG providers, housing associations, probation services and health and social care services
- Managers and practitioners from learning and skills providers
- People with an interest in informal adult learning and/ or support for homeless learners.

For more information, to download an application form or to reserve a place online, visit the NIACE website:

<http://www.niace.org.uk/events>

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Programme

09:00	Arrival and registration (tea/coffee available)
09:30	Welcome and introduction to the day Chair: Jacqui McCluskey, Director of policy and knowledge, Homeless Link
09:45	Inspirational spaces, Transformation fund project Phil de Montmorency, Director of work and learning services, St Mungos
10:10	Informal adult learning at Crisis Duncan Shrubsole, Director of policy and external affairs and Margaret Philips, Head of Skylight London, Crisis
10:30	The YMCA football and life academy, Transformation fund project Richard Holmes, Project manager, Crewe YMCA
10:45	Reading for pleasure and mental health service users Rachel Davies, Programme director, NIACE
11:00	From informal to formal: Making the QCF work for you Viv Berkeley, Programme director, NIACE
11:15	Tea/coffee break
11:40	Discussion groups 1) Effective collaboration between agencies supporting homeless people and the learning and skills sector 2) Supporting health and well being through informal adult learning 3) Informal adult learning in a multi-agency working context
12:15	Feedback from the discussion groups
12:30	Closing remarks Speaker tbc
12:45	Close of conference and lunch

The 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. Participants have no claim against NIACE in respect of such changes.

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Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:00am for a 9:30am start. The event will end with lunch at 12:45pm
- Attendance is free to delegates and is restricted to the target audience (includes lunch, tea and coffee)
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms (one form per person)
- 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: Wednesday 17 March 2010

Closing Date: Wednesday 10 March 2010

- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of electronic note-takers, sign language interpreters and transcription to Braille
- 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 e-mailed out one week before the event.

NIACE, the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education, was founded in 1921. The National Institute seeks to secure an education system responsive to the diversity of adults' needs and aspirations as learners, and in particular to those who benefited least from initial education. It is our belief that a system fit for adults of all ages and in all their complexity will work better for all learners.

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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Please PRINT a copy, complete and return. Please complete the application in **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

My organisation has authorised my attendance on **Wednesday 17 March 2010, London** (Attendance is free)

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Participant's details

Title _____ Full name _____

Job title _____ Organisation _____

Daytime tel No. _____ Mobile No. _____ Fax No. _____

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

E-mail

Please indicate which sector you work in: _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

This is my Home address Work address

Joining instructions will be sent by e-mail, if you would prefer to receive these by post, please tick this box

Participant's requirements

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

NIACE requires a 10 working days notice period to make arrangements for electronic note-takers, sign language interpreters and transcription to Braille.

Agreement - I accept the NIACE Event Information and Application Conditions

Signature	Date

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