

Conferences

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Thistle Marble Arch Hotel, Bryanston Street, London W1H 7EH

Wednesday 10 February 2010
Megacentre, Bernard Road, Sheffield S2 5BQ



Have your say

Learners' views taking forward the
LSC's 'Learning for Living and Work'
and Mental Health Strategies

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Background

The Learning and Skills Council (LSC), working with its many partners, has developed two key strategies for disabled learners and learners with mental health difficulties in the further education system. 'Learning for Living and Work' (LSC, 2006) was based on the recommendations of a strategic review of planning and funding provision for disabled learners – 'Through Inclusion to Excellence' (LSC, 2008). The 'Mental Health Strategy' (LSC, 2007) was developed partly in the recognition that the requirements of learners with mental health difficulties could not be met solely through 'Learning for Living and Work'. They need also to be addressed through wider LSC activities and reforms.

The LSC is currently in the process of implementing both 'Learning for Living and Work' and the 'Mental Health Strategy'. In each document, the importance of involving learners and seeking their views is strongly emphasised.

The LSC and its partners, including NIACE, believe that these events are vital for a range of reasons: -

- learners will have an opportunity to say how the strategies are affecting their learning and lives
- learners will be able to influence policy in events that involve policy makers and those who implement policy (e.g. learning providers)
- the LSC will demonstrate the importance it places on seeking learners' views on the work it does
- the LSC will be able to hand over to successor organisations i.e. the Young People's Learning Agency (YPLA), the Skills Funding Agency (SFA) and Local Authorities, a process for involving disabled learners and learners with mental health difficulties.

Pre-conference preparation

We will prepare easy read and accessible versions of resources and materials so that all delegates are fully included and aware beforehand of what is planned.

The event aims to:

- enable disabled learners and learners with mental health difficulties to contribute to implementation of strategic plans
- give key policy makers and implementers an understanding of how the strategies are being carried out through interaction with learners
- ensure that learners feel that they really can make a difference through their involvement in strategic implementation (with feedback on their contributions planned)
- have a programme at the end of which all participants will have made an important and valued contribution
- give messages to learning providers, funders and inspectors about how further to improve learning opportunities for disabled learners and learners with mental health difficulties.

The event will be of particular interest to: -

- disabled learners
- learners with mental health difficulties or mental health service users
- carers, support workers and advocates
- providers in the further education system offering learning opportunities to disabled learners and learners with mental health difficulties
- those strategically responsible for 'Learning for Living and Work: Going Forward – Implementing the Vision of 'Through Inclusion to Excellence' and the 'Mental Health Strategy: The Way Forward – Implementing the Vision of Learning for Living and Work'
- strategic directors and managers responsible for 'learner voice' initiatives and securing a voice for disabled learners
- inspectors / Ofsted.

Programme

- 09:45** **Arrival and registration** (tea/coffee available)
- 10:20** **Welcome and introduction to the day**
- 10:30** **Keynote address**
- 10:45** **What the day is about - Meeting the delegates**
- 11:15** **Getting your views: preparing to consult**
- 11:45** **Tea/coffee break**
- 12:00** **Small group work on the implementation plans**
(Please indicate your first choice on the application form)
- How are you involved?
1. Planning
 2. Quality
 3. Variety of experience
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 14:15** **Keynote address**
- 14:30** **Small group work on the implementation plans**
(Please indicate your first choice on the application form)
4. Work experience
 5. Progression from learning
- 15:00** **Over to you: key messages from delegates**
- 15:25** **Celebration and certificates of attendance**
- 15:30** **Close of conference** (tea/coffee available)

Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:45am for a 10:20am start. The event will end at 3:30pm
- Attendance is free (includes lunch, tea/coffee)
- 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 e-mailed one week before the event
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions
- We will prepare easy read and accessible versions of resources and materials so that all delegates are fully included and aware beforehand of what is planned
- 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: Thursday 28 January 2010, London

Closing Date: Thursday 14 January 2009

Event: Wednesday 10 February 2010, Sheffield

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- 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.
- NIACE reserves the right to reject applicants who are not from the target audience list.

Allocation of places

- Places will be limited to five learners and two tutors/support staff from each institution
- Places will be limited to two representatives from each organisation.

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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Please complete the application in **BLOCK CAPITALS**

My organisation has authorised my attendance at the conference on:	Thursday 28 January 2010, London
	Wednesday 10 February 2010, Sheffield

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.

Workshop attendance

Please rank your first choice for morning and afternoon.

Morning

- Workshop 1
 Workshop 2
 Workshop 3

Afternoon

- Workshop 4
 Workshop 5

Agreement - I accept the NIACE Event Information and Application Conditions

Signature	Date

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