

# Informal Adult Learning

Leading partnership planning for change

Wednesday 13 October 2010

Cedar Court Hotel, Denby Dale Road, Calder Grove, Wakefield WF4 3QZ

## Background

The Coalition Government has been in power for over 100 days, consultations have been published and responses will inform policy development. John Hayes Minister of State for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning, announced the consultation on the future of education and skills in late July. He wanted the launch to be remembered as 'the day when we take the first steps towards releasing the genie of adult learning, in all its power, from the lamp of excessive state control'. David Cameron recently spoke about the 'Big Society' in Liverpool and his wish to encourage people at local level to take more responsibility and do more to help themselves and their neighbours. As yet there has been no comment about what kind of education and what sort of learning will be necessary to support communities to be part of the 'Big Society' as power moves away from central government to local communities. What is the role for Informal Adult Learning here?

## Why is this event so important and why is it held now?

Local authorities, colleges, third sector and not for profit organisations are all involved in the delivery of Informal Adult Learning. In most local areas these organisations form partnerships to plan and organise delivery. In the future when there will be increasing pressure to deliver more for less, whoever has the responsibility for local plans will need to work productively with partners. It is important that all the individuals and organisations involved in the Informal Adult Learning have an opportunity to contribute to how savings will be made while maintaining the quality of the learning experience.

## Aims

The event will offer an opportunity to hear about new policy development, learn from the innovative Transformation Fund projects and offer an opportunity to discuss how plans for adult learning can accommodate the new policy direction.

## Audience

Heads of Adult Learning, learning providers, MLA sector staff, third sector, learning groups, public sector organisations working in health, care, community cohesion, services for older people, children's services, workplace learning providers and support agencies, employers, trade unions, Transformation Fund projects, Community Learning Champions and funding bodies including the Skills Funding Agency.

## Times

09:30 Arrival and Registration

13:00 Close of seminar followed by lunch.

## Programme

- 09:30** Arrival and registration (sandwich lunch, tea/coffee available)
- 10:00** Welcome and introduction to the day  
Chair: Ruth Brook, Head of Service for Adult, Family & Community Learning at Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
- 10:10** Developing policy for Informal Adult Learning  
John Gibson, Senior Policy Adviser, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS)
- 10:40** Discussions on tables: How can we capitalise on current opportunities for informal adult learning  
Groups
- 11:10** Informal Adult Learning – what works? Feedback from the Transformation Fund
- 11:30** Market Place/ A tour of informal learning projects
- 12:20** Question Time to panel
- 12:45** Lunch and market place continued
- 13:30** Local Authorities: What are you doing now to plan for change?
- 14:30** Y&H LEAFEA meeting
- 15:45** Close

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 9:30am for a 10:00am start. The event will end at 3:00pm
- Attendance is free. Exhibitors will receive financial support to participate. A penalty fee of £20 will be charged for non-attendance
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms (one form per person)
- 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
- 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 13 October 2010

**Closing Date: Thursday 29 September 2010**

- Please note £20 penalty fee of any non-attendance once places have been confirmed
- 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

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

My organisation has authorised my attendance on **Wednesday 13 October 2010, Wakefield** (Attendance is free)

## 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.

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)	

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## Agreement - I accept the NIACE Event Information and Application Conditions

Signature	Date

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