

Spring policy briefing

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Tuesday 21 April 2009

The Abbey Centre, 34 Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3BU



Realising *The Learning Revolution*

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Background

The Learning Revolution (cm7555) announces an increase of £30m per year in public spending in England along with a range of innovative proposals supported by a number of different departments of state (culture, media and sport; health; communities and local government; work and pensions; children, schools and families) as well as the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills.

NIACE has welcomed the White Paper as “a bright light at the end of the tunnel for adult learning” but its warm words and high hopes will not be realised unless everyone concerned with adult learning is confident in exploiting the opportunities - and is aware of the possible pitfalls.

The landscape of informal adult learning is complex. It involves further, higher and community education institutions, other public services, voluntary and private sector organisations as well as different cultural and media platforms. Keeping abreast of all the agendas in play can be time consuming.

Aims

This briefing will assist participants to better understand how their organisations can realise the potential of *'The Learning Revolution'* and help more adults to become active and empowered learners.

NIACE and its work is referred throughout the White Paper and participants will also have an opportunity to find out more about some of the activities highlighted.

There will also be an opportunity for participants to share their hopes and concerns and to get answers to their questions about the White Paper.

Audience

This event is intended for the full range of organisations with an interest in adult learning - both formal and informal. It will acknowledge but not be confined to particular barrier groups, levels or modes of learning, subjects or institutions.

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Programme

- 09:45** Arrival and registration (tea/coffee available)
- 10:15** Welcome and introduction
Alastair Thomson, Principal Advocacy Officer, NIACE
- 10:45** Keynote address
Sue Meyer, Deputy Director, 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: £99 (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
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- Only application forms with the payments section completed will be processed
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- 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 April 2009

Closing Date: Thursday 9 April 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 palantypists, 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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Participant's details

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Job title _____ Organisation _____

Daytime tel no. _____ Mobile no. _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Address (for Pre-conference Papers) _____

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- I will need a palantypist and/or note taker
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- Individual Member
- Corporate Member
- Honorary Life Member

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