



E-BULLETIN

FORUM FOR ACCESS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

This is the April 2010 eBulletin from FACE (the Forum for Access and Continuing Education), offered to practitioners, policy-makers, researchers and others with an interest in access, widening participation and lifelong learning. The eBulletin is sent to colleagues in the sector, members and non-members alike. If you would prefer not to receive it, please contact James.Tate@uwe.ac.uk and your details will be removed from the circulation list.

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This year you can follow the FACE Conference 2010 on Twitter!

Special call for applications from Early Career Access/WP practitioners / researchers

FACE is delighted to announce that [ESCalate](#) the Education Subject Centre has kindly agreed to sponsor a full fees paid place at this year's FACE conference for someone working in access or widening participation who is 'early' in their career. Sponsorship includes all conference fees, university accommodation and access to the social programme. Travel expenses are not included. A further two day-rate places are available at 25% discount for early career authors.

So if you have been working in the areas of access or widening participation for less than two years you are eligible to apply for this sponsored place at FACE 2010 hosted by Southampton Solent University 30th June to 2nd July.

Applicants should submit a title and abstract for a conference paper which will be reviewed by a special panel of the FACE executive. The successful author will be invited to attend the full conference free of charge, to give a full conference presentation and submit a full paper for publication in the conference publication.

[Download an ESCalate sponsorship application form](#)

Review of FACE 2009 by the researcher who won the 2009 Escalate sponsorship

Those of you that attended last years FACE annual conference may have had the chance to meet Charlotte Young a research colleague from [Aimhigher LIFE](#) and [Bournemouth University](#). With sponsorship support from the Education Subject Centre-advancing learning and teaching in education (ESCalate) FACE offered a complimentary conference place including all accommodation to an early careers researcher or practitioner. Charlotte was the successful candidate and in her article she talks about her research and the impact that going to the conference has had on her work.

[Go to the article by Charlotte Young](#)

Bringing More to Members - Online Questionnaire

The FACE membership questionnaire is still online for those who haven't voted yet. (Get in some practice for May!) Give your opinions on whether . . .

- FACE members should be issued with a unique identifying number displayed on a membership card;
- FACE membership should be linked to eligibility for discounts for FACE seminars, workshops, purchasing of publications, etc.;
- The FACE members database should log members' interests;
- There should be a members-only section on the FACE website.

To have your say please follow this link <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/face> and complete a short survey of six questions. We need your opinions. Thanks.

The FACE Conference 2010 at Southampton Solent University

"Which Way Now For Widening Participation? Lifelong Learning, Economy & Society"

Wednesday 30th June – Friday 2nd July 2010

Southampton Solent University

The key themes of the conference this year are the future of widening participation across the education sectors and recognising best practice in lifelong learning during a period of rapid social and economic change. This is a vital time for the widening participation agenda so join us at the 2010 FACE conference and be part of the debate. [Full details of the conference](#) are now online.

Last chance to get the reduced 'early bird' rate

Please go to the [Online Registration Page](#) to book your place. Booking is available for a three-day residential package or for non-residential day rates. The early bird special reduction applies to bookings taken before 30th April 2010.

Download a conference [Flyer in pdf](#)

Download a conference [Flyer in Word](#)

FACE / EARN Seminar, April 2010

"At what cost? The impact of Finance on Access to Higher Education"

Thursday 29th April 2010

University of Westminster (Regents Campus), London

[Download details of speakers and further information](#)

This is a day long seminar hosted by the Forum for Access and Continuing Education (FACE) and the [Educational Access Research Network \(EARN\)](#).

This event will look at the actual evidence concerning the impact of cost on the attitudes of young people regarding progression to higher education. In the midst of the crucial review of Higher Education Finance and student support arrangements in England this event will focus on a number of pieces of recent research looking at the role of cost in progression. Delegates will also receive a summary document including information on the research presented at the event.

For more information, please contact Graeme Atherton at athertg@wmin.ac.uk

What else is in the News?

For the latest UK Education headlines and stories go to the [FACE News Feeds](#) page where you'll find the online news feeds of several of the sources listed below gathered together on one page for easy access.

The Guardian <http://education.guardian.co.uk>

The Independent <http://news.independent.co.uk/education>

The BBC http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/education/default.stm

The Times http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education

The Times Higher Education <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk>

DCSF News Centre <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/newslist.cgi>

LSC News <http://www.lsc.gov.uk/News>

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