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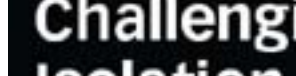
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### New publication from FACE now available

#### "Challenging Isolation: the role of lifelong learning"



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##### The proceedings of the FACE Conference 2008

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The FACE proceedings would be very valuable publication to serve as a set book for those running postgraduate courses in lifelong learning, widening participation, etc. If you have an enquiry regarding a bulk purchase for a library or as a reader for an academic programme please contact Jackie Leach, University of East London, [j.leach@uel.ac.uk](mailto:j.leach@uel.ac.uk) (telephone) 0208 223 4936 for further information.

Some previous FACE publications are still available on the **Publications Page**

### "FACE to FACE" Spring Edition Distributed

The most recent edition of FACE to FACE (Number 31, Spring 2009) has been distributed to members. As with the last edition this publication is only available as an e-journal but now with the added credo of having its very own ISSN. The theme is broadly the HE/FE interface and is a bumper edition running to 28 pages.

The e-journal unlike this e-bulletin is only available to FACE members in the first instance but is posted on the website some months after publication. If you think you should have received it but have not, please contact Jackie Leach [J.Leach@uel.ac.uk](mailto:J.Leach@uel.ac.uk) to enable her to update the membership mailing list.

#### The contents of the current issue

- "HE in FE Solid Foundations for the Future" David Jenkins
- "HE in FE Practitioner Scholarly Activity: A need for action?" Nick Davy
- "Continuing Professional Development in Partnership - A Model of Inclusive Practice to Develop Excellence in Teaching across the FE/HE Spectrum" Jeff Braham, Fiona Church, Carleen Osborne, Sarah Rawlinson and Lyn Senior

#### Special Feature - The Higher Education Learning Partnership Scheme

- Introduction - Rebecca Turner
- "A Professional Identity in Crisis or a Resolution through Research" Lee Hurrell
- "The HELP CETL and Me . . ." Steve Rose
- "HELP CETL and The Jean Genie" John Fitzsimons

#### International Perspectives

- "Beyond the Binary System? Cooling-out in the Land of Swirl" Brian Spittle

The next edition will focus on the plight of lifelong learning in the credit crunch, so anyone interested in submitting pieces please contact me as soon as possible. The deadline for submission is the 28th May 2009.

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### Executive members join NADE conference in USA

FACE Executive members Tony Acland and John Storan jointly represented FACE at the recent [National Association for Developmental Education](#) (NADE) annual conference which took place in Greensboro, North Carolina, USA. FACE and NADE have a formal partnership agreement and this involves, in part, representatives from each of the networks attending each others' annual conferences. Those of you who attended last year's FACE conference in York may have met the President of NADE, Rosemary Karr, who attended and took part in the international panel session.

This year's NADE conference attracted almost 2,000 delegates from every part of the USA for four days of heavy duty conferencing, workshoping and social networking. It was as you might imagine an event on an enormous scale with individual workshop sessions sometimes having up to 100 participants! However, everyone was really friendly and appreciated Tony and John's involvement in the conference.

As well as meeting with the NADE governing committee to discuss and explore further links Tony and John also contributed to the international panel workshop session sharing views and information on educational transitions which was a central focus for the workshop. As a pilot exercise they also took part in a study visit organised through NADE to Greensboro College to meet staff and students and hear about their work related to widening participation and access. FACE will be looking to organise a similar study visit for the NADE delegation as part of their participation in the FACE annual conference this year's annual conference at Staffordshire University.

### Conference Update - FACE 2009

#### Towards a New Agenda for Lifelong Learning: Access, Diversity and Participation

1st -3rd July, Staffordshire University

The annual conference will soon be upon us, the first of July is not that far away and as we all know time flies when you are enjoying yourself. Preparations are well advanced for what looks to be a memorable and stimulating conference. Most of the keynotes have confirmed titles, we have accepted over 30 abstracts with a few more still pending. These will be **posted on the website in due course**.

#### Deadline for the submission of abstracts extended

We have also extended the abstract deadline to the 28th April although there is a possibility that we may well exceed capacity by that date . . . so submit earlier as opposed to later to avoid disappointment. The breadth and quality of the abstracts received to date auger well for a truly memorable conference.

Those who have already submitted abstracts and workshop proposals will be informed of their slots over the next couple of weeks. Those of you who booked prior to the 28th February will be able to collect your free book at the conference unlike those of you who didn't. However, given the growing list of exhibitors there will be no shortage of literature available to buy.

For the fashion conscious a very important factor at any conference is the conference bag. I have taken delivery of the 2009 conference bags and am rendered speechless by their elegance and panache. A little black number that has to be kept under lock and key it is so fashionable . . . a must have item and only available at the FACE annual conference. They really are quite nice.

As always keep your eyes on the conference website for conference updates and see below the final call for papers for links.

Full conference details are available on the **FACE CONFERENCE 2009 web page**.

Registration can only be made online **ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR FACE 2009**

Abstracts can be submitted via the **ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM**

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#### Nominated charity

At this time we are still awaiting confirmation but it is proposed that the nominated charity for the 2009 conference will be **Action for Children**.

#### The Chair's Countdown to Conference

Conference is just a matter of 95 days away!! One of the embarrassing things that happens to you as Chair is that you spend a lot of time reminding members and others to make sure and book for conference and then forget to do so yourself. Well not this year! My booking is done and I was delighted to get the free book which was a great touch and I am looking forward to reading it. This year's conference is certainly attracting a lot of interest. Perhaps now more than ever we need a serious debate about an agenda for lifelong learning and one which has access, diversity and participation at its heart. Arguably the need for a new agenda for lifelong learning has never been greater so be part of that new agenda and book for conference now to join us all in Staffordshire for the great debate.

On a less serious note - I should like to know if our e-bulletin editor Jim Tate is going to produce a new quiz for this years conference or not? If you haven't tried the old one, have a go at **2008 Conference Quiz**. I did hear a rumour that he was thinking about preparing a new one so keep an eye on the FACE website to pit your wits against Jim's tantalizing teasers.

### Some Other Seminars and Conferences for 2009

#### Professional Development Conference for Teachers in Higher Education Institute for Education Policy Research at Staffordshire University 8th May 2009

The theme of this year's conference is "The pursuit of learning as a co-operative enterprise: implications for higher education" and the speakers will be Professor Miriam David, Professor Peter Hartley and Paul Orsmond. The attendance fee is £65.

Online bookings can be made at [www.staffs.ac.uk/pdc](http://www.staffs.ac.uk/pdc)

[Download programme details and booking form](#) (pdf)

To book a place please complete the booking form and return to [jepr@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:jepr@staffs.ac.uk)

#### Further Education Research Association ( FERA ) CONFERENCE Middlesex University, Trent Park Campus 15th May 2009

##### Researching Practice - Work Based Research in the Learning and Skills Sector

Governments in the UK and overseas have identified the need to extend and improve delivery of work based learning as a priority. This FERA conference will consider the role that research can play in improving practice in the work based learning arena.

[For further details go to the FERA website](#)

### European Access Network 18th annual conference

#### "Changing the Culture of the Campus towards an Inclusive HE – 10 years on" York St John University, York, England 22nd - 24th June 2009

[Download Conference Programme](#) (pdf file) There will also be a panel discussion on male under-representation, "Boys and HE: what is the problem?"

#### Call For Papers

The deadline for papers is 31st March 2009. For more information about call for papers, speakers and programme, and registration, go to [the EAN Conference Page](#)

### Lifelong Learning in the News - March 2009

The news lately has been full of lifelong learning due to the new White Paper, "The Learning Revolution" which was launched on 23 March 2009 and sets out the Government's strategy for informal learning. Catch up with these recent reports online.

**Download the White Paper from the DIUS website**

**Government Press Release on the White Paper**

**Response to the White Paper** (Times Higher 23rd march)

**Lifelong learning threatened by funding change** (Times Higher, 12th March)

**Denham booted over adult education budget cuts** (Times Higher, 5th March)

### 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](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/education/default.stm)

The Times [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life\\_and\\_style/education](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/life_and_style/education)

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

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

DIUS News Distribution Service <http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/dius/>

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

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