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This is the March 2010 eBulletin from 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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Bringing More to Members - Online Questionnaire

As part of the ongoing commitment to its members, the FACE Executive are in the process of carrying out improvements in the way we manage your membership. However, we are of course very keen to have your input in this process. Here is a flavour of some of the current developments we are considering to provide a more efficient and valuable service to our members, on which we would like to hear your opinion.

- FACE members to be issued with a unique identifying number displayed on a membership card;
- Your FACE membership linked to your eligibility for discounts for seminars, workshops, purchasing of publications, etc.;
- An improved database to track your payment and log your interests;
- A members-only section on the 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.

Representing FACE at the NADE conference 2010

Three members of the FACE Executive attended this years [National Association for Developmental Education \(NADE\)](#) annual conference which took place recently in Columbus, Ohio, USA. NADE is the sister organisation to FACE in the USA and amongst a number of areas of collaboration every year we have a reciprocal agreement on attending each others annual conference.

John Storan, Mike Hill and Tony Ackland represented FACE this year and for the first time organised a FACE stand in exhibitors hall which proved really popular with the 1200 delegates that attended the conference. Yes, that's right 1200 participants! It really is on a very different scale from our annual conference but everyone is really friendly and very well organised. There was a huge amount of interest in FACE at the stand in our annual conference at Southampton Solent University this year so we may find some NADE members joining us.

Over the years collaboration between the two organisations has developed year on year and one example of this at this year's conference was the excellent news that Mike Hill, FACE Secretary was selected as joint Chair of the NADE International Panel. During the conference there were a number of meetings with the NADE Executive Council where we both reviewed our existing collaborative arrangements as well as exploring how these could be further deepened and developed. Areas identified for future collaboration include: contributions to publications, study visits, electronic networking, knowledge and practice exchange. All three agreed this was a really productive visit and contributes to building the international networking capacity of FACE.

Want to find out more about NADE? [Follow the link on the FACE website homepage.](#)

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

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.

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](#)

Call for Papers for the FACE conference 2010

FACE is pleased to announce a [Call for Papers](#) for its 2010 annual conference, "Which Way Now For Widening Participation? Lifelong Learning, Economy & Society".



The recent HEFCE report 'Trends in young participation in higher education' has clearly shown the significant progress that has been made in widening participation for 18 & 19 year olds in England since the mid-1990s. This provides an encouraging validation of the work undertaken across the sectors, but also highlights the scale of the challenge that remains. The conference will seek to address both these aspects of celebration and challenge. Delegates will have ample opportunities to share best practice in widening participation HE access and lifelong learning, what works and why, turning to how we move forward to build on the positive gains made so far in a very different economic and social context.

Abstracts of 300 words for papers and posters relating to these broad themes should be submitted by Friday 23rd April 2010.

If you would like to discuss potential submissions, please contact Dr Steve Lake stephen.lake@solent.ac.uk

"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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