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Conference Special

"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 all the education sectors and recognising the role of 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 urgent debate.

Go to the [Online Registration Page](#) to reserve your place. Booking is still available for a choice of the three-day residential package or non-residential single day rates.

The [Call for Papers deadline](#) has been extended to Friday 28th May. Better hurry!

Don't forget that FACE has an Exhibition Area at every conference. Does your institution or organisation want to facilitate an exhibition stand or to table a books/journals and poster display? If so, then contact Jamie at Jamie.Mackay@solent.ac.uk now.

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This year you can follow the FACE Conference on Twitter!

True or false quiz

Questions

- (1) Is it true or false that a group of American McNair students from the University of New Hampshire will be taking part in this year's conference, sharing their experience, and will be making use of the conference as a research site?
- (2) Is it true or false that the conference gala dinner event will be held in one of Southampton's best nightclubs?
- (3) Is it true or false that this year's conference is the first to have all female keynote speakers?
- (4) Is it true or false that the roundtable session entitled international policy exchange will bring together contributors from nearly every part of the world?

Answers

We're not saying - you'll have to come to the conference to find out like everyone else!

Alternatively, you could find some of the answers in the [Conference Flyer](#) and the [Conference Programme!](#)

An Update from Jamie Mackay

Colleagues, I bring you some exciting updates about this year's FACE Conference @ Southampton Solent University 30th June - 2nd July.

First, it is with great pleasure that I can confirm Sarah Howls, Head of Widening Participation at HEFCE, will be one of the Key Note Speakers at the Conference. She joins Pat Bacon, AoC President and Chief Executive at St Helens College and Bev Thomas Deputy Director, Widening Participation, Higher Education Directorate, DBIS. We are also looking forward to welcoming Jane Neuburger, President-Elect, National Association for Developmental Education (NADE), to speak at the Conference.

Second, the [programme for the conference](#) has been published on the FACE 2010 Conference website.

Third, I am pleased to announce that the Call for Papers deadline has been extended to Friday 28 May. If you submitted your paper before 23rd April, you should have already been contacted. If you have not submitted something, there is still just time!

Keep up with the [latest news on conference here](#).

Conference Roundtable Sessions

Wednesday Roundtable — Sustaining Aimhigher

Aimhigher funding promised only until July 2011, a new coalition government, economic uncertainty across Europe, jobs in outreach centres under threat, caps on student numbers making it more difficult to evaluate the impact of Aimhigher, cuts to university funding . . . what happens next in widening participation? Got an opinion?

Thursday Roundtable - International Policy Exchange

The conference title "which way now for widening participation?" is more than just a challenge for UK education and government, it is a question of global interest and significance. This roundtable will bring

together an international panel to provide policy headlines and updates on widening participation from around the world. Following the short presentations from the panel, the session will be open for a full discussion. Get involved.

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

ESCalate the Education Subject Centre is again sponsoring a full fees paid place at this year's FACE conference including conference fee, accommodation and the social programme for an education professional who has been working in access or widening participation for less than two years. A further two day-rate places are available at 25% discount for early career authors.

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.

The closing date for applications is Friday 28th May and applications should be sent electronically to Pete Jones at pete.jones@staffs.ac.uk. Better hurry!

[Download an ESCalate sponsorship application form](#)

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 new Department of Education news page <http://www.education.gov.uk/news>

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>

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