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FACE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2007

'Social Justice and Lifelong Learning: diversity, globalisation and transformation' to be held on 2nd to 4th July 2007. The keynote speakers include: Bill Rammell, Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, UK; Nicola Dandridge, Chief Executive, Equality Challenge Unit, UK; and Alan Tuckett, Director of NIACE, UK.

The deadline for 'early bird' bookings and conference abstracts is 31st March. Go to: <http://www.f-a-c-e.org.uk/conference2007.htm>

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON 'LIFELONG LEARNING IN THE CITY- REGION' 23RD -25TH SEPTEMBER 2007

The PASCAL Observatory on Place Management, Social Capital and Learning Regions invites contributions to its 5th international conference on the theme of 'Lifelong Learning in the City-Region' in Pecs, Hungary between 23 and 25 September 2007.

Online details and registration are available at: <http://www.pascal2007conf.pte.hu/index.htm>

Deadline for abstracts 30th March.

FORTHCOMING FACE ONE-DAY SEMINARS IN 2007

- **QAA 'Integrated Quality Enhancement Review'** A report-back on a pilot project with the University of Derby and 18 FE partner colleges. This new process will soon replace the QAA Academic Review of HE in FE. Wednesday, 27th June at the Midland Hotel Derby. Only 15 delegate places available.
- **Ethnicity, Education and Employment**, London. Date yet to be fixed.
- **The Leitch Report: Implications for Adult Learning in Wales**, September, University of Glamorgan, (date to be fixed).
- **The Practice of Academic Writing**: an overview of writing for publication in academic journals, books and also funding bid writing. Wednesday 28th November, Staffordshire University.

More information will be sent to you shortly giving fuller details of the seminars.

NETWORKING WITHIN THE SECTOR

FACE members can make and join networks of researchers and practitioners around the UK and internationally with those of similar experience, expertise and research interests. Go to: <http://www.f-a-c-e.org.uk/networking.htm> If you would like to add your details, please e-mail FACE webmaster Jim Tate on: James.Tate@uwe.ac.uk

WHAT'S IN THE NEWS

Cry for help from tutor 'counsellors'

The burden of pastoral care has risen considerably in recent years and is now too great for many academics to cope with. *THES* 16/3/2007

http://www.thes.co.uk/search/story.aspx?story_id=2035779

Student checks 'are social engineering'

The university admissions service faces a row over social engineering tomorrow as it meets to decide if tutors should be told about the educational background of parents. Sixth formers will have to declare on their application forms whether one or both parents went to university as part of the Government's campaign to widen participation. The information was requested for recording purposes by the Higher Education Statistics Agency but may now be used as part of the admissions process to help tutors decide between candidates. *The Daily Telegraph*, 8/3/07 <http://www.telegraph.co.uk>

Watchdog to examine low number of student bursary take up

A government watchdog is to investigate whether university students are missing out on bursaries designed to offset the cost of tuition fees, it has emerged. Some universities have reported fewer applications for help than expected from their students from poorer backgrounds, but the full picture will not become clear until the Office for Fair Access has checked figures from all institutions this summer. Universities promised that more than £300 million a year would be available in financial help when they introduced top-up fees of up to £3,000 last autumn. *The Guardian*, 15/3/07

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