

Education for Sustainable Development Getting ready to meet the challenge



Region	Date	Venue
Yorkshire and the Humber	Friday 13 November 2009	Leeds Metropolitan University
North West	Wednesday 25 November 2009	MERCi, Manchester
South West	Thursday 26 November 2009	Somerset College of Arts & Technology, Taunton
South East	Tuesday 1 December 2009	Brighthelm Centre, Brighton
West Midlands	Thursday 3 December 2009	BVSC, Birmingham
London	Friday 4 December 2009	CAN Mezzanine, Southwark, London
North East	Monday 7 December 2009	Newcastle Civic Centre
East of England	Tuesday 8 December 2009	Cambridge Professional Development Centre
East Midlands	Tuesday 15 December 2009	St. Johns Centre, Leicester

Audience

The seminars will be of particular interest to:

- senior managers in adult community learning, Third Sector and not for profit training providers
- staff with organisational responsibility for sustainable development
- Third Sector learning consortia
- other local and regional umbrella organisations.

For more information, to download an application form or to reserve a place online, visit the NIACE website:

<http://www.niace.org.uk>

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Background

Climate change is arguably the greatest challenge facing our society. It is not simply an environmental question, but has implications for social justice and cohesion, democratic participation and economic prosperity. If society is to move towards a more sustainable future, we will need to find new and different ways of doing things and education has a vital role to play in this. Sustainable development has been rising up the education agenda in recent years, and has a high profile in the new Common Inspection Framework.

These free regional seminars are designed to support Adult Community Learning (ACL), Third Sector and not for profit providers to develop their sustainable development policies and practices by exploring issues and sharing solutions and becoming part of an on-going conversation to take forward this important agenda. Research carried out by NIACE in 2008 suggests that ACL, Third Sector and not for profit providers are at different stages of introducing sustainable development into their work, and for most it is a relatively new area.

From September 2009, Ofsted inspections of all further education providers will evaluate the contribution that providers are making to sustainable development. Judgements will be made by inspectors on the extent to which:

- learners develop skills, knowledge and understanding relevant to sustainable development; and
- resources are managed in a sustainable way.

In addition, Ofsted will promote the consideration of sustainable development within organisational self-assessment.

To support ACL and third sector providers to prepare for the changes, the Learning and Skills Council has asked NIACE to facilitate a range of activities to raise awareness, exchange information and share good and

promising practice. These free regional awareness raising seminars are part of this project.

The seminars will provide opportunities to share experiences and expertise in education for sustainable development, types of evidence, resources and concerns and to find out more about the place of sustainable development within the new Common Inspection Framework for Further Education and Skills.

The conference programme will include presentations from Ofsted on the new inspection arrangements and from providers describing their journeys towards the implementation of sustainable development. There will also be group discussions and activities, and a strong focus on sharing knowledge and experiences and engaging delegates to develop the sustainability agenda within their own organisations. Full details of the programme will be decided by the project's Advisory Group at its meeting in October and circulated to delegates.

Issues raised at the seminars will be captured and addressed through the project's Community of Interest Platform (CoIP). Delegates will be encouraged to follow up their attendance by joining discussions on the CoIP and cascading information through their networks. The project has links with both the Learning and Skills Improvement Service and the Environmental Association of Universities and Colleges, which will help to ensure that materials and resources are effectively disseminated via the Excellence Gateway and SORTED websites.

We have sought as far as possible to hold the seminars in venues that are accessible by public transport, and encourage delegates to endeavour to minimise car use in travelling to the events.

Further information about the new Common Inspection Framework and sustainable development can be found at:
www.ofsted.gov.uk/publications/090106.

Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:45am for a 10:15am start. The event will end at 3:30pm
- Attendance is free to delegates and is restricted to the target audience
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms (one form per person)
- Completed and signed application forms must be faxed or posted to NIACE by the closing date. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted
- Application forms are individually acknowledged by e-mail. Joining instructions, including map and directions, will be emailed out one week before the event
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions.
- If you have not received an e-mail confirming your attendance and joining instructions 4 working days before the event please contact:

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Application conditions

- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of palantypists, sign language interpreters and translation to Braille
- Places will be limited to 1 representative from each organisation.

NIACE, the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education, was founded in 1921. The National Institute seeks to secure an education system responsive to the diversity of adults' needs and aspirations as learners, and in particular to those who benefited least from initial education. It is our belief that a system fit for adults of all ages and in all their complexity will work better for all learners.

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Conferences and Seminars

Community Learning Champions: Opening up Opportunities for Informal Learning

- Thursday 8 October 2009, Birmingham

Equality and Diversity: What does it mean to you?

- Thursday 5 November 2009, Leeds

Families, Learning and Children's Centres: Creating learning that works for all the family

- Friday 6 November 2009, London

Education for Sustainable Development: Regional awareness raising seminars

- Friday 13 November 2009, Leeds
- Wednesday 25 November 2009, Manchester
- Thursday 26 November 2009, Taunton
- Tuesday 1 December 2009, Brighton
- Thursday 3 December 2009, Birmingham
- Friday 4 December 2009, London
- Monday 7 December 2009, Newcastle
- Tuesday 8 December 2009, Cambridge
- Tuesday 15 December 2009, Leicester

Learning Enabled: The NIACE Annual Disability Conference incorporating the 4th Tomlinson Memorial Lecture

- Tuesday 24 November 2009, Sheffield

LSRN Annual Conference 2009: Changing World, Changing Research: Keeping abreast of research in the Learning and Skills Sector

- Friday 11 December 2009, London

Training Courses

Screens and Pages

- Wednesday 7 October 2009, London

Transforming your organisation through disability equality

- Thursday 8 October 2009, Leicester

Engaging the Learner: The power of storytelling as a teaching tool

- Tuesday 13 October 2009, London
- Tuesday 3 November 2009, Birmingham

Making the Most of "The Spelling Pack" as a CPD Resource

- Wednesday 14 October 2009, Birmingham

Working Well - One day training to promote staff wellbeing in the post 16 education and training sector

- Thursday 15 October 2009, Manchester

Numeracy Counts: A one-day course for vocational tutors

- Tuesday 20 October 2009, London

Every Adult Matters

- Tuesday 10 November 2009, London

Improving Formative Assessment, CPD event

- Tuesday 17 November 2009, London

Goal Setting and Action Planning with Individuals and Groups

- Thursday 19 November 2009, Leicester

Dyslexia Awareness training for work-based learning practitioners

- Wednesday 2 December 2009, Leicester

Getting on Brilliantly 1 - Leading and managing large and small groups and teams

- Tuesday 8 December 2009, London

Getting on Brilliantly 2 - Getting the best out of being a line manager

- Wednesday 9 December 2009, London

Attendance is free (includes lunch, tea/coffee)

I would like to reserve a place on the following regional awareness raising seminar in the region I work in:

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Participant's details

Title _____ Full name _____

Job title _____ Organisation _____

Daytime tel No. _____ Mobile No. _____ Fax No. _____

Please provide an email address that is your own and regularly accessed as this will be used to send you joining instructions.

E-mail _____

Please indicate which sector you work in: _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

This is my Home address Work address

Joining instructions will be sent by e-mail, if you would prefer to receive these by post, please tick this box

Participant's requirements

Please specify any requirements for access or equipment

I have the following dietary requirements

Agreement - I accept the NIACE Event Information and Application Conditions

Signature

Date

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