

Launch Event for the
New ECA Publication

**'Supporting the Learner:
case-studies in
information, advice and
guidance'**

working title of the forthcoming
book by Dr John H Payne

**Educational
Centres
Association**



Adult Learning: Aiming Further, Higher & Wider



A One-Day Conference:

Saturday 5th March 2005

**University of Nottingham
Jubilee Campus**

"It is vital to our future prosperity that everyone should have access to information which is up-to-date, easy to understand and which addresses the wide range of questions and concerns people have about engaging in learning and skills development."

Ivan Lewis MP in Foreword to
'Information, Advice and Guidance
for Adults'

department for
education and skills

creating opportunity, releasing potential, achieving excellence

SOUTH & EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2005

'The Integrated Information, Advice and Guidance services will provide a range of high quality information and advice services available to all...! they 'should promote the value of learning and be accessible to people, to provide them with the help they need to enter and progress in learning and work'

Information, Advice & Guidance for Adults - The National Policy Framework and Action Plan, DfES, March 2004

PROGRAMME

10:00	Registration & Coffee	
10:20	Welcome & Introduction	Dr Carol Hall, Dean of Faculty and Head of the School of Education, University of Nottingham
10:30	Purpose of the Day	Dr Peter Boshier, ECA
10:40	Presentations	Contributions from adult learners who have taken their learning further, higher or wider. Followed by questions.
11:50	'Advice and Guidance on Adult Learning - New Approaches and New Standards'	Ann Ruthven, Development Officer (Guidance) The Guidance Council
12:30	Lunch & Networking	
13:30	'Adult Education: Same Name but Different Meanings' *	Dr John Wallis, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Community Education, University of Nottingham
14:15	Book Launch	Dr John H Payne, Learning Solutions for the 21st Century
14:30	Workshops followed by Plenary	Consideration of ways in which improved advice & guidance prior to, during and at the end of a planned learning activity, might contribute to greater learner satisfaction.
16:00	Tea & Depart	

* John Wallis looks at the way in which what has been promoted, as valuable adult learning, has been re-defined to take on entirely different values. He will suggest that the established values of the liberal tradition may well out-stay the current thrust towards human capital - flexible workforce and the rest. The essentially democratic values associated with Adult Education in general and the ECA in particular will be considered. John says, "I really want to celebrate the past and predict a much rosier future!"

University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus

Opened in September 1999 by Her Majesty The Queen, this £50 million campus houses the Schools of Education, Computer Science and Information Technology, and the Nottingham University Business School. Students benefit from state-of-the-art technology and modern facilities, including on-site accommodation, restaurants, library and computing centre. Further facilities can be found at University Park only one mile away.

How to get there

By Bus from Nottingham (approximately 4 miles) Nottingham City Transport, Services 29, 30 & 193

By Taxi 15 minutes from Taxi ranks throughout City Centre & adjacent to the main railway/bus stations.

From M1 Motorway

Leave the M1 motorway at Junction 25 to join the A52 to Nottingham. After five miles turn left onto the A6514, Middleton Boulevard. Turn right at the next roundabout onto the A609 Wollaton Road. The main entrance to Jubilee Campus is clearly signposted on the right. **The Jubilee Campus offers free parking.**

The ECA is supported financially by DfES in presenting this event.

This programme is correct at the time of going to press. In the event of one or more of the advertised speakers being unable to attend, for reasons beyond the control of the ECA, we reserve the right to make alterations or substitutions to the programme as deemed fit. Delegates will have no claim against the ECA in respect of such changes.



'Learning does more than raise skill levels for job-related purposes; it has wider social and personal benefits. A civilised society should ensure that a broad range of learning opportunities is available to all.'

'Investing in Skills: Taking Forward the Skills Strategy'
LSC Consultation Paper

Adult Learning – Aiming Further, Higher and Wider

Adult learning takes many forms: it may lead to a qualification, career progression, new roles in the community and/or different forms of personal satisfaction and fulfilment. Whatever purpose individuals have in mind for learning, it may take them further, higher or wider into the world of lifelong learning.

In this conference, adult learners will share their experiences of learning, wherever it has taken them and will make reference to the way in which advice and guidance has helped and informed their decision-making. These personal reflections will be set in the context of learning theory and practice by a specialist in adult learning.

Numbers are limited for this conference, so BOOK EARLY!

What will delegates gain from the conference?

Through the voice of the learner, the conference is intended to help providers become more responsive to learners and work with learners' representatives to campaign for better access to advice and guidance services.

Who should attend this Conference?

The conference is strategically important for those concerned with the new Funding and Planning Arrangements for First Steps, Personal and Community Development Learning. It will be of particular interest to adult learners, providers of adult learning opportunities, tutors, college governors, inspectors and consultants who are interested in the individual adult learner's experience of learning, and the extent to which advice and guidance plays a part in his/her decision-making.

The Educational Centres Association

The ECA is committed to an inclusive approach to adult learning. It encourages the development of learner-orientated organisations and throughout its 80+ years has had in membership bodies and individuals that support a diverse curriculum. The corporate membership includes local Adult Education, Village and Community Colleges & Centres, LEA Adult Education Services, voluntary organisations, University Departments and FE Colleges.

Conference Information:

For more information on the content and timetable contact the Regional Conference Organiser:
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Website

For the developing story of our contribution to Lifelong Learning visit www.e-c-a.ac.uk

I value my learning because it: –

- keeps my mind active, it is interesting and I am learning new skills.
- gives me a sense of well-being and enjoyment with others.
- gives me confidence; how to mix with others with different outlooks, how to accept ideas and opinions of others, plus express my own.
- is like scales falling from your eyes, and you see the wider picture.

Research evidence – quotes from adult learners

A Conference forming part of the ECA Quality Workplan Series – Promoting Lifelong Learning

Educational Centres Association – Partners in Lifelong Learning
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Booking Form

University of Nottingham Jubilee Campus
Saturday 5th March 2005

**PLEASE PRINT - complete all sections and return to arrive no later than 14th February 2005.
Places are limited and early application is advised.**

Usual first name: _____ Title: _____

Family name: _____

Address: (for conference mailings) _____

Post Code: _____

Tel: (day) _____ Tel: (eve) _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Address for invoice (if different from above): _____

If appropriate please state the Centre/Organisation with which you are connected

Organisation/Association/Group: _____

Tel: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Your Job Title and Involvement with Adult/Lifelong Learning: _____

Special Requirements:

Do you require a special diet, e.g. vegetarian or fat free etc?

If you have any other special requirements, for example access, please detail below:

Will this be your first ECA Conference? YES / NO

Payment Details

I wish to reserve a Conference place:

£50 per delegate

£40 ECA Members

I enclose

A) a purchase order
OR

B) a cheque for £ _____ payable to ECA Eastern Region

Signed _____ Date: _____

Please complete one application per delegate. This form can be photocopied for additional delegates.

NOTE: Cancellations will be subject to an administration charge; any received after 14th February 2005 will incur the full fee. Late bookings (subject to availability) may be surcharged.

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