

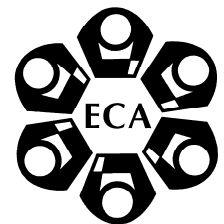
Educational
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South & East of England Region



Welcoming New Learners



Social Inclusion and Adult Learning



A One-Day Conference

Saturday 8th April 2006

**N&W Essex Adult
Community College,
Rivermill, Harlow**

We welcome Bill Rammell, Minister for Higher,
Further and Adult Education, to our Conference!

Taking the overarching theme of 'Social Inclusion' we shall consider the opportunities for partnership working, to increase the numbers of adults from disadvantaged groups taking part in education and training. These will be set in the context of the challenges presented to providers by the LSC funding framework – 'LSC Policy Requirements for Planning: Managing the Balance and Mix of Provision' of January 2006.

**SOCIAL INCLUSION AND
ADULT LEARNING**

**ECA South and East of England Region
at Harlow, N&W Essex ACC
Saturday 8th April 2006**

- Welcoming New Learners

PROGRAMME

- 10.00 Coffee and Registration
- 10.30 Welcome - Rob Eschle, *Regional Chair*
- 10.35 Presentation by Irene Tracey,
Director (Planning & Resources)
Adult and Community Learning, Essex
Social Inclusion, an Essex Perspective
- 11.00 Chris Minter
Adult Learning Manager, Brighton & Hove,
Social Inclusion, a Brighton perspective
- 11.30 John Dickinson-Lilley, *NCODP*
The Disability Discrimination Act – a toolkit
- 12.00 Introducing Bill Rammell (Rob Eschle)
and presentation
- 12.45 *Lunch*
- 13.30 Plenary – The Challenges Ahead
- 14.15 Annie Merton, Senior Development Officer for
Community Learning, NIACE
- 15.00 Final discussion (and summary)
- 1530 Tea and depart

*[Please note that some details on this programme may
be changed at a later date]*

Application form attached. Please complete a separate form for
each applicant.

Contributors

Bill Rammell needs no introduction, and we are delighted that he has agreed to come, both as Minister of Higher, Further and Adult Education and as a local MP.

Maggie Evans is the Principal of the North-West Essex Adult Community College and its associated centres, who are hosting us. Maggie has been indefatigable in her work for adult learning and developing new and innovative projects in the College, which has been an active member of the ECA for many years – at present both the ECA regional Chair and the Treasurer are on the College's governing body. She will introduce **Irene Tracey**, the Planning & Resources Director Of Adult & Community Learning for Essex,

Chris Minter is Adult Learning Manager at Brighton and Hove. He is on the NEC of the ECA and is one of the founding organisers of the TEACH programme – a staff project on Citizenship with other European partners sponsored by Grundtvig. He has many examples of innovative social inclusion projects in Brighton & Hove to present, plus news of the TEACH programme!

John Dickinson-Lilley, the Project Officer for the Norfolk Coalition of Disabled People, is putting together an information toolkit about the Disability Act to help staff and volunteers in the Region's Community and Voluntary Sector with this far-reaching Act. Many of us will find his project interesting and very useful.

Annie Merton, Senior Development Officer, NIACE

Annie Merton is a Senior Development Officer at NIACE. She has twenty-five years experience of delivering, managing and supporting adult and community learning, originally in London and then in Leicestershire. Annie joined NIACE in 1998 as Development Officer, Widening Participation and was one of the team responsible for setting up and managing the first five rounds of the Adult and Community Learning Fund. She now works primarily with local authority adult learning - undertaking project work and consultancy with, for, and about local authorities, LEAFEA, as well as undertaking more general development work in adult and community learning. Her recent projects include: devising a way of describing the different strands of adult learning for LSC planning and funding purposes and now working with the LSC on the next stages of preparing for the funding changes in adult learning. She is the NIACE project manager for Managing Better, a management development programme for LEA ACL officers, working in partnership, with FPM, a Leicester based management development company; for Support for Success, an LSC funded national quality improvement programme, managed by the Learning and Skills Development Agency; and for Improving Teaching and Learning in ACL, a new learning materials and staff development project for the DfES Standards Unit. She also co-ordinates NIACE's work attributable to their grant from the Local Government Association.

“A civilised society should ensure that a broad range of learning opportunities is available to all”

LSC Consultation Paper ‘Investing in Skills: Taking Forward the Skills Strategy’

This conference will set the scene for the Association’s work during 2006-07 in responding to the Government’s priorities. These have been laid out for us (by NIACE as agent for the DfES) in our funding framework as:

- **Social Inclusion – making sure that education and training are made available to the most disadvantaged**
- **Skills for life (literacy, language and numeracy)**
- **Learning provision designed to help people move from benefit to work**
- **Capacity building that is designed to improve provision for disadvantaged groups**

Social inclusion and widening participation have been major themes within adult education for a long time. In this conference we will hear examples of current and future planning, successes achieved and the problems involved.

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 86 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.



.....**Welcoming New Learners -**
Aspects of Social Inclusion

South & East of England Region

Booking Form

**N&W Essex Adult Community
College, Harlow: Saturday 8 April**

PLEASE PRINT – complete all sections and return to arrive no later than 30 March 2006. 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::

£30 per non-ECA delegate

£25 ECA Members

I enclose:

A) a purchase order

OR

B). a cheque for £_____ (payable to Educational Centres Association Eastern Region).

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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

Please return this form at the latest by 30th March 2006

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