

The Universities Association for Lifelong Learning promotes higher education policy and practice in part-time and lifelong learning in the higher education sector. It represents the interests of both the UK and of the four nations: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. UALL acts as a forum for the exchange of ideas and good practice, lifelong learning research, and as a consultative body for the formulation of policy.

UALL Members' Bulletin February 2016

In the Bulletin we aim to give you a regular update on what has been happening in the world of higher education lifelong learning as reported by the press, Government and public bodies, individuals, as well as items relating to UALL member institutions. We also aim to alert you to a selection of forthcoming events and policy matters. The Bulletin is one of UALL's services to its members, and feedback from readers indicates it is widely read and circulated to staff of our member universities and colleges.

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Events

UALL 2016 Annual Conference – Deadline for Registrations 4 March University of Oxford

The engaged university as a public good

16-18 March 2016

If you would like to join us, please register, at the latest, by **Friday, 4 March.** The Conference is attracting a lot of interest - we have a full complement of presentations and places for delegates are filling up.

The Conference is being held at Rewley House, University of Oxford; the event will start with an informal dinner on Wednesday evening, 16 March, followed by two days Conference and it will close at lunchtime on Friday, 18 March. The Drinks Reception, Conference Dinner and the presentation of the UALL 2016 Awards will take place in the Dining Hall, Trinity College on the Thursday evening – Conference Programme attached.

The keynote speakers are:

Peter Horrocks CBE, Vice Chancellor, The Open University

Professor David Schejbal, Dean of Continuing Education, Outreach and E-Learning, University of Wisconsin, President UPCEA (University Professional and Continuing Education Association), USA

The registration form is attached – please return your form to Helen Trevisani at: uallconferences@gmail.com.

Further details are available on the UALL website at: http://www.uall.ac.uk/2016-annual-conference

I very much look forward to seeing you in Oxford.

Of course, if you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me at admin@uall.ac.uk.

Lucy Bate UALL Administrator

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General news

9 February 2016 - HEA halts plan to hike university subscription fees

The teaching champion said that it wanted to allow for a "period of reflection and consultation with the sector" after the board of Universities UK came out against the HEA's proposal to double subscription charges for most universities.

http://bit.ly/1QoLDfN

9 February 2016 - Making the most of data is everybody's responsibility

Higher Education Commission report, From Bricks to Clicks: the Potential of Data and Analytics in Higher Education, makes recommendations for achieving better use of data to support strategic goals and provide huge benefits for students.

http://bit.ly/1TPDWEK

11 February 2016 - Russell Group membership a 'badge of quality' for bond investors

More universities set to follow Cardiff University into bond market as appetite for construction pairs with 'unbelievably low' interest rates

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/russell-group-membership-a-badge-of-quality-for-bond-investors

16 February 2016 - Israel boycott ban: Shunning Israeli goods to become criminal offence for public bodies and student unions

Local councils, public bodies and even some university student unions are to be banned by law from boycotting "unethical" companies, as part of a controversial crackdown being announced by the Government http://ind.pn/1R5V9Hi

17 February 2016 - Unlimited student recruitment 'transforms' English universities

Acceptances nearly doubled for some universities, halved for others, since number controls eased in 2012 https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/unlimited-student-recruitment-transforms-english-universities

18 February 2016 - Pension and National Insurance hikes to hit academics hard

Extra contributions are likely to cost many university staff more than £1,000 a year, analysis shows https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/pension-and-ni-hikes-hit-academics-hard

18 February 2016 - Vince Cable: Lib Dems got policy right, politics wrong on fees

Former business secretary urges universities to plug into global networks and emerging markets as he takes up Nottingham professorship.

 $\underline{https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/vince-cable-liberal-democrats-got-policy-right-politics-wrong-onfees}\\$

24 February 2016 - What will be Brexit's impact on consumers?

The UK could pull out of the Erasmus academic exchange programme while an eventual post-Brexit deal is negotiated with the rest of the bloc, according to Universities UK. http://on.ft.com/21fi8rK

24 February 2016 - More university mergers on the cards, predicts Moody's

Credit agency says the pace of change will quicken as governments seek cost savings https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/more-university-mergers-cards-predicts-moodys

26 February 2016 - Is university free speech under threat?

Universities have long been considered places for debate and for ideas to be challenged, but alongside that they are also meant to be places where minorities of all kinds can feel safe, comfortable and not sidelined in a way they may be elsewhere. http://bbc.in/21m9FTQ

UK Government and higher education

Jeremy Corbyn still wants to scrap fees but is no 'dictator'

Labour leader tells *THE* he has discussed funding model for abolishing fees with shadow chancellor (11 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/jeremy-corbyn-still-wants-scrap-fees-no-dictator

Crackdown on student loan repayment avoiders

The government says it will take stronger measures to pursue people - including those living overseas - who are believed to be avoiding repayment (12 February 2016). http://bbc.in/1Xnjaw0

The anti-lobbying clause will undermine evidence, policy and the public interest

Cabinet Office minister Matt Hancock has announced that from 1 May 2016, all government grants will include an 'anti-lobbying clause' to prevent public money being used to "lobby for new regulation or more government funding." (18 February 2016). http://bit.ly/1PVLukj

Higher education bill 'odds-on' after Cameron backs legislation

But concerns raised over HEFCE move to contract out quality assurance in several tenders (25 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/higher-education-bill-odds-after-cameron-backs-legislation

Student loans

Is selling student loans to the private sector such a bad thing?

The terms of student debt would have to be nailed down if it were sold - which would stop ministers flexing repayments at will (16 February 2016). http://bit.ly/1QjaTUk

Student loans: confusion reigns on England's HE spending

OECD planning to change measures of public spending on HE amid complex picture on student loans (18 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/student-loans-confusion-reigns-englands-he-spending

Statistics and surveys

EU student numbers up by over 40 per cent at some English universities

Institutions step up EU recruitment after student number controls scrapped (4 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/eu-student-numbers-up-by-over-forty-per-cent-at-some-english-universities

'Harassment and racially insensitive comments' mar higher education

Many black and ethnic minority staff at universities are also downbeat about their promotion chances, according to a new University and College Union survey (4 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/harassment-and-racially-insensitive-comments-mar-highereducation

Why it really does pay to get a good degree: you earn more

Study finds a significant salary premium for an 'Attila the Hun' (2:1) over a 'Douglas Hurd' (third). However, if the continuing marketisation of higher education leads to grade inflation, then the premium is likely to reduce, say the authors (15 February 2016).

http://bit.ly/1Lpo7h8

TEF 'must learn lessons from school and hospital ratings'

HEPI report says teaching assessment should be delayed to allow for lessons from Ofsted and Care Quality Commission to be incorporated (25 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/tef-must-learn-lessons-school-and-hospital-ratings

EU referendum

EU referendum starting gun sparks university leaders into action

Leaving the EU would damage international partnerships vital to research excellence, v-cs say in letter to national newspaper (22 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/eu-referendum-starting-gun-sparks-university-leaders-action

What could fees in Europe be like if the UK left the EU?

A comparison of some of the fees that are charged to international students (24 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/how-tuition-fees-international-students-vary-across-europe

Gender

Young men miss out as university gender gap remains at record levels

Analysis of UCAS applications submitted at the January deadline which reveal that the gap between male and female school leavers applying to start undergraduate degrees at British universities remains at record levels (4 February 2016).

http://bit.ly/1TFSS8i

Ucas figures: gender gap in university applications hits record level

January deadline figures also show slight fall in overall UK applicant numbers (4 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/ucas-figures-gender-gap-university-applications-hits-record-level

Does Cameron's university claim stack up?

Are young black males really more likely to be in prison than in leading universities? Not according to Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) figures. However, the bigger picture highlights the lack of black students in top universities (5 February 2016).

http://bbc.in/1nRirYj

Gender balance targets set for Scottish university subjects

No more than 75 per cent of a discipline's students should be of the same gender, says funding council (24 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/gender-balance-targets-set-scottish-university-subjects

Post/graduates

Graduate jobs outlook improves for those with a master's

Report from careers advice service Prospects points to significant rise in employment rate for those with higher level qualifications (9 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/graduate-jobs-outlook-improves-those-masters

Part-time PhD - how to combine study with a career

Former international rugby player Colin Gregor is one of a growing number of students to balance a PhD with a career (9 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/phd-part-timers-combining-study-and-career

PhD or professional doctorate - which is better?

From the Ebola outbreak in West Africa to special needs education in the UK, more mid-career professionals are taking professional doctorates (16 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/blog/phd-v-professional-doctorate-which-better

Widening participation

Poorer students 'disadvantaged' in postgraduate funding struggle

Nearly half of the richest applicants to postgraduate degrees expect to rely on their parents for funding, while as few as one in eight students from poorer backgrounds can say the same, according to a major study (2 February 2016).

http://bit.ly/1NPz76V

Free university tuition 'could lead to poor subsidising the rich'

Researcher also claims that more poor students do not go to university because they are 'simply not smart enough' (2 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/free-university-tuition-could-lead-poor-subsidising-rich

Elite universities must 'redouble efforts' to admit poorer students

Jo Johnson becomes latest high-profile figure to take aim at elite over their access record (4 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/elite-universities-must-redouble-efforts-admit-poorer-students

Greg Dyke: 'total cop-out' to blame access inequality on schools

Former University of York chancellor says leading universities should lower entry requirements for students from poor backgrounds (10 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/greg-dyke-total-cop-out-to-blame-access-inequality-on-schools

Universities told to focus on access for white working class boys

High dropout rate among black students also targeted in new guidance to Offa (11 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/universities-told-focus-access-white-working-class-boys

Universities told to raise numbers of working-class and black students

The government has imposed new rules on universities requiring them to work more closely with schools in poorer areas, targeting white working-class boys in particular in a bid to get them into higher education (12 February 2016).

http://bit.ly/1SljOul

UCAS a 'barrier' to better data on access, says UUK president

Admissions service says it is in talks to widen availability of its records (12 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/ucas-barrier-better-data-access-says-uuk-president

Oxbridge fails to halt decline in disadvantaged student numbers

Russell Group universities have seen the number of students from poor backgrounds go backwards despite pledges, a new analysis of figures from admissions survey has revealed (17 February 2016). http://bit.lv/1LuXxDk

Elite universities 'going backwards' on widening access

Figures suggest Oxford and Cambridge among seven Russell Group institutions with lower proportion of poorer students compared with 10 years ago (18 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/elite-universities-going-backwards-widening-access

Rich students 'five times more likely to study abroad'

Analysis finds men and ethnic minorities under-represented in international cohort (18 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/rich-students-five-times-more-likely-study-abroad

Research

Many top scientists did not have a first, says study

Researcher recommends reassessing selection criteria for PhD funding as several great scientists did not gain a first or a 2:1 (16 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/many-top-scientists-did-not-have-first-says-study

Big drop in academics commercialising their research

Despite claims that engagement with business is as important as research and teaching, academics find they have no time for work outside the academy (25 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/big-drop-in-academics-commercialising-their-research

International and overseas students

Thai universities gear up for collaboration with West

Thailand's institutions want to develop joint degrees with the UK, but hurdles remain in visa red tape and political instability (11 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/thai-universities-gear-up-for-collaboration-with-west

University of Copenhagen to cut more than 500 jobs

Rector Ralf Hemmingsen warns job losses will see some services 'cut to the bone' as 7 per cent of staff exit Denmark's most highly regarded university (11 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/university-copenhagen-cut-more-500-jobs

US 'national interest' NSF research bill moves closer

The House of Representatives approves legislation that dictates NSF grants can be awarded only to projects in the 'national interest' (15 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/us-national-interest-nsf-research-bill-moves-closer

Thirteen Nigerian vice-chancellors replaced by president

Civil society groups attack move as 'gross violation' of academic autonomy (17 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/thirteen-nigerian-vice-chancellors-replaced-president

Overseas Chinese students to be targets of 'patriotic' education

Chinese Ministry of Education directive wants students abroad to have a 'positive patriotic energy' (17 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/overseas-chinese-students-be-targets-patriotic-education

Sohar University in Oman is here for long haul, says v-c

Barry Winn, former University of Bradford deputy v-c, criticises short-term 'colonial' approach of UK universities to global partnerships (18 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/sohar-university-oman-here-long-haul-says-v-c

Aung San Suu Kyi inspires University of Oxford to help Myanmar

University academics answer an appeal for help from country's inspirational leader (18 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/aung-san-suu-kyi-inspires-university-oxford-help-myanmar

China campuses: research shows paths to glory

But universities warned to beware the predicted fall in China's student population (24 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/china-campuses-research-shows-paths-glory

Appointments

Simon Hughes takes public affairs job at Open University

Former Liberal Democrat deputy leader appointed on one-year maternity cover contract (15 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/simon-hughes-takes-public-affairs-job-open-university

UCL Institute of Education names Becky Francis new director

King's College London professor of education and social justice will be first woman to lead IoE (18 February 2016).

https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/ucl-institute-education-names-becky-francis-new-director

University of St Andrews principal named

Oxford pro vice-chancellor Sally Mapstone to take on role vacated by Louise Richardson (22 February 2016). https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/university-st-andrews-principal-named

Funding councils

A ENGLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)

News

Colleges continue to improve retention while recruiting strongly from disadvantaged backgrounds

http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2016/Name,107463,en.html

New Head of Regulation and Assurance for HEFCE

http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2016/Name,107492,en.html

Publications

HEFCE 2016/01 Higher education indicators for further education colleges: Overview of trends for the widening participation, non-continuation and employment indicators. http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2016/201601/

B SCOTLAND Scottish Funding Council (SFC)

SFC is developing a Gender Action Plan (GAP) for Colleges and Universities in Scotland in line with:

<u>Developing the Young Workforce: Scotland's Youth Employment Strategy</u> (DYW) <u>SFC Ministerial Guidance Letter</u> Scotlish Government's Economic Strategy

This will address the significant gender imbalances in course uptake across the FE/HE sector in Scotland. Developing the GAP is a phased and consultative process and the aim is to publish our final report by May 2016, with our interim report due in early February 2016. It will be used to shape Outcome Agreements in the future and will only result in meaningful, sustainable change through strong Leadership and Partnership along with wider cultural change.

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/Priorities/Access/GenderActionPlan/GenderActionPlan.aspx

Participation indicators for Scottish HEIs 2014-15

Indicators of participation from low participation areas (based on the POLAR2 method) for Scottish HEIs.

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications

Letter of Guidance from the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning

The Letter confirms the Cabinet Secretary's expectations for the next academic year and builds on the Letter of Guidance SFC received last September. The September 2015 Letter informed SFC's guidance to colleges and universities on outcome agreements for 2016-17. http://www.sfc.ac.uk/aboutus/letterofguidance/letterofguidance.aspx

Intake targets and funded places for the controlled subject of Dentistry in universities for 2016-17

Announcement of intake targets and funded places for universities in the controlled subject of Dentistry for academic year 2016-17

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications

Outcome Agreement funding for universities - indicative allocations for 2016-17

To provide universities with the Scottish Funding Council's initial decisions on funding Outcome Agreements for academic year 2016-17.

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications

Gender Action Plan: Interim report

This interim report outlines which subjects we will focus on and the actions we will undertake in partnership with colleges, universities and other partners to address gender imbalances. http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications

C WALES

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)

HE (Wales) Act 2015: Welsh Government guidance to HEFCW on fee and access plans

This circular provides a copy of the Welsh Government's guidance to HEFCW on fee and access plans under the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015 together with some information on HEFCW's fee planning processes.

http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2016/W16%2003HE%20Welsh%2 0Government%20guidance%20to%20HEFCW%20on%20fee%20and%20access%20plans.pdf

Transitional Statement of Intervention

This circular reports on the responses to the consultation on the Transitional Statement of Intervention, which outlines HEFCW's powers of intervention under the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015 for the transitional period. It also provides the final version of the Transitional Statement of Intervention which is now in effect.

http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2016/W16%2005HE%20Transitional%20Statement%20of%20Intervention.pdf

Outcomes of the consultation on criteria for the assessment of quality, method for assessment of quality and investigation of matters relating to quality and standards

This circular provides the outcomes of the consultation in W15/27HE on criteria for the assessment of quality, method for assessment of quality and investigation of matters relating to quality and standards.

Consultation on HEFCW's draft 2017/18 fee and access plan guidance

This consultation circular seeks views on HEFCW's draft 2017/18 fee and access plan guidance developed in accordance with the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015 and provides information about a consultation event.

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Guidance on partnership arrangements for provision delivered by external providers on behalf of regulated institutions in Wales

This circular provides a consultation on guidance on partnership arrangements between external providers and regulated institutions in Wales, taking account of the Higher Education (Wales) Act 2015.

file:///C:/Users/WJones/Downloads/W16%2008HE%20Guidance%20on%20partnership%20arrangements%20regulated%20institutions%20in%20Wales.pdf

Publications

Education, Theory and Pedagogies of Change in a Global Landscape Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Role of Theory in Doctoral Reseach Edited by Victoria Perselli, Pagrave Macmillan; ISBN: 9781137549228

Where does theory come from in educational research – and how is it operationalized in diverse disciplinary contexts and professional settings? This volume examines the places and spaces of theory in the work of nine pre- to post-doctoral scholars, whose narratives transport us across wide-ranging fields of inquiry: from Irigaray on mothering in higher education to Jamison among Danish engineering undergraduates; from TeWhāriki in a New Zealand kindergarten toConfucianism in contemporary China. Drawing on a range of theoretical perspectives that includes Bhabha, Buber, Butler, Qvortrup, Rogoff, Saukko and Žižek, the book provides numerous opportunities for debate and discussion on theory and its interrelations with pedagogy and methodology, as illustrated in each of these projects. In doing so, new possibilities for being, thinking, doing and making are proposed, both in and beyond present-day educational systems and structures. https://www.palgrave.com/page/detail/education-theory-and-pedagogies-of-change-in-a-global-landscape-victoria-perselli/?isb=9781137549235

Centennial Conversations: Essential Essays in Professional, Continuing, and On-line Learning Edited by Daniel Shannon and Robert Wiltenburg

This collection of essays from leading thinkers in the field of continuing education guides readers through the recent transformation from traditional to dynamic new forms of practice. This volume has been edited into topical conversations; it demonstrates how universities are reinventing themselves in order to meet the needs of the 21st century as well as the non-traditional students they serve. Centennial Conversations is a valuable resource for campus leaders, higher education researchers, and policy makers. http://www.upcea.edu/store_product.asp?prodid=114

Student Voices on Inequalities in European Higher Education Challenges for theory, policy and practice in a time of change Edited by Fergal Finnegan, Barbara Merrill and Camilla Thunborg London, Routledge

This book focuses on the voices and experiences of non-traditional students in European higher education. It examines the impact that access to higher education is having on these students' lives and discusses what this tells us about European education and society. In particular, it explores the multi-dimensional nature of inequality in varied national contexts focusing on the issues of class, gender, ethnicity, age and disability. The book contributes to the on-going debate about the changing nature of European higher education and argues that research based on the experiences of non-traditional students can be used to improve policy and practice in tertiary education.

http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415826891/

A Question of Conscience: Higher Education and Personal Responsibility Professor Sir David Watson Institute of Education Press

December 2013

Universities have long argued that higher education can be a life changing experience for individuals: from acquiring new, marketable skills and knowledge to improving character and producing better members of society. This book examines what higher education institutions aim to deliver to their students and why it matters.

http://www.gtc.ox.ac.uk/news-and-views/news-articles/1111-new-perspectives-on-the-purposes-and-achievements-of-higher-education.html

Men Learning through Life

Edited by Barry Golding, Rob Markand Annette Foley

Due: February 2014 **RRP:** £19.95 (+P&P)

ISBN: 978-1-86201-828-0 (print)

Concerns about men's attitudes to and involvement in lifelong and life-wide learning have recently emerged in many countries. There is a growing interest in finding ways to increase men's participation and promote practices that will contribute to men's learning and wellbeing, particularly in contexts and life stages for men beyond paid work.

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www.footprint.com.au

Adult Education in Changing Times: Policies, Philosophies and Professionalism

Marion Bowl 978-1-86201-650-7 January 2014: £19.95

Focusing on the perspectives of adult educators, this is an original and up-to-date, research-based account of adult education practice in the current political climate that will advance critical discussion of the issue of professionalism in adult education.

http://shop.niace.org.uk/adult-education-in-changing-times.html

Transformations: A History of UBC Continuing Studies Scott McLean and Eric Damer University of British Columbia

2012: \$40

A celebration of the 75 year history of the University of British Columbia's commitment to lifelong learning for the community. This 224-page hard-cover book features interesting anecdotes about prominent UBC continuing educators since the 1930s; vignettes about adult students from the past as well as UBC Continuing Studies students today; and a unique collection of historical photos about the people and places associated with UBC.

http://cstudies.ubc.ca/a/aspnet/Product/Detail/?code=CI999YE14

Creative Teaching Approaches in the Lifelong Learning Sector Brendon Harvey and Josie Harvey Open University Press

This publication will appeal to trainee and experienced teachers working in the lifelong learning sector, including further and higher education, work-based learning, and adult and community settings. The aim of this book is to offer creative teaching approaches for both trainees and experienced tutors in the Lifelong Learning Sector (LLS).

http://mcgraw-hill.co.uk/cgi-

<u>bin/search_products.pl?user_input=Creative+Teaching+Approaches+in+the+Lifelong+Learning+Sector&start</u> =1&Submit.x=5&Submit.y=6

Unearthing Canada's Hidden PastA Short History of Adult Education

Michael Welton

Thompson Publishing

Michael Welton provides an overview of adult learningand education in Canada from the first contact between Canada's First Nations and Europeansettlers, through the industrialization of Canada, the political turmoil of the twentieth century, right up until the digital revolution of the present day. Welton focuses on "uncommon schools" and encourages readers to think about how men, women, and children were educated indifferent times and places as well as how our foremothers and forefathers learned to make aliving, live their lives, and express themselves, often in difficult and taxing circumstances.

www.thompsonbooks.com

University Continuing Education 1981–2006: Twenty-five turbulent years

Bill Jones, Geoffrey Thomas and Russell Moseley (Editors)

ISBN: 978-1-86201-446-6

Over the last three decades university continuing education departments have come under unprecedented threat, with many closing or changing beyond recognition. This book tells their stories and outlines the driving principles of the university adult education system that have a valuable contribution to make in informing future strategy and policy in higher education lifelong learning.

http://shop.niace.org.uk/uni-continuing-ed.html

Social Mobility and Higher Education

The life experiences of firstgeneration entrants in Higher Education Mary Stuart
September 2012
ISBN 978 1 85856 508 8
£21.99

Governments of all flavours have expressed interest in the question of social mobility, andeducation is seen to have a key role. But the level of opportunity available to people from lowersocio-economic groups is thought to be diminishing. The Milburn report on Higher Education and Social Mobility argues that Universities have made some progress in supporting social mobility but that more needs to be done.

Trentham Books at: www.trentham-books.co.uk

Part-Time study: the new paradigm for Higher Education?

A selection of papers presented at the 2011 Conference of the Universities Association for Lifelong Learning

Edited by: Bill Jones and Susan Oosthuizen CD-ROM; UALL2012: Price £10

The papers in this selection began as presentations to the UALL Annual Conference held at the University of Stirling in March 2011.

Further details can be found on the 'publications' page on the UALL website at: www.uall.ac.uk.

Lifelong Learning and Social Justice

Sue Jackson (ed.) - £24.95, June 2011

This important book argues that there needs to be a sharp re-focus to an alignment of lifelong learning with social justice. It is timely in its calls to turn the debate to social issues.

Read more and order your copy