Board meeting and MoC

The Board meeting took place on Thursday 28th June. The Board agreed the two Memoranda of Cooperation (MoC) and these will now be distributed to the Principals for their signatures. Please note that we now have 2 MoCs – one for those students who are classified as ‘continuing’ (and this includes BA 1st year students who have progressed directly from CertEd) and who will be subject to the old tuition fees regime; and one for those ‘new’ students who will be subject to the new tuition fees regime.

Debs Philip (Course leader, University of Huddersfield PGCE/Cert.Ed programme at Calderdale College) led a collaborative process which involved 27 trainee teachers on year 1 of the PGCE/Cert.Ed programme. The project intended to look at ways in which assessment could fully support the philosophy of equality. It examined Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) on different levels: (a) EDI would be the subject, (b) the assessment would reflect the diverse preferences of learning within the group, (c) the trainees would have to find a way of working collaboratively across two different groups on two different evenings and would have to find a way to produce one single object (the song and DVD) by committee, which can be particularly difficult, and (d) the project had in some way to involve the local community.

The group decided to rise to the challenge of creatively using what resources they already had including their own students and everyone’s families and resources, potentially networking with approximately 400 different people. Furthermore, they approached the local community surrounding of the college to ask for engagement, whether as actors, advisors or to offer resource support. The result was fantastic! See the final Equality, Diversity and Inclusion video at http://consortium.hud.ac.uk.
Teacher Training and Technologies Conference 2012 - "Complementing teaching and learning with tablet and mobile devices" was held on Friday, 3rd February 2012 at University of Huddersfield. This FREE conference, jointly presented by JISC RSC Yorkshire and Humber with the PCET Consortium/HUDCETT of the University of Huddersfield, offered the opportunity to participate in an event that gave delegates access to practitioners from across the Lifelong Learning sector and HE who have developed ways of using technology to enhance learning.

Dr. Denise Robinson (University of Huddersfield), James Clay (Gloucestershire College), Elaine Szpytma (Zip-E Consultancy), Sylvia Hepworth (University of Huddersfield), Rob Hutton (Barnsley College), Christopher Barber (JISC RSC Yorkshire and Humber), Alison Iredale (University of Huddersfield), Louise Mycroft (Northern College), Cheryl Reynolds (University of Huddersfield)

More photos can be found at the Consortium website [http://consortium.hud.ac.uk](http://consortium.hud.ac.uk)
Consortium for PCET Annual Conference was held in association with Higher Education Academy Seminar Series 2011-12 on Friday, 29th June 2012 at University of Huddersfield. It was part of the University of Huddersfield’s Diamond Jubilee celebrations. The conference title was "Teacher educators for the future: Building research-informed practice in the Lifelong Learning Sector" and the Keynote was delivered by Dr. Anja Swennen from VU University Amsterdam. The focus of the event was on research which can inform the practice of teacher educators, both in terms of what they teach but also in how they support, challenge and inspire their students.

Full conference details with material and photos can be found at [http://consortium.hud.ac.uk](http://consortium.hud.ac.uk).

Dr. Anja Swennen (VU University Amsterdam), Prof. Christine Jarvis, Dr. Denise Robinson, Dr Kevin Orr, Dr Ron Thompson (University of Huddersfield)

Dr Anne Parfitt (University of Exeter), Dr Martyn Walker, Dr Robin Simmons, David Powell, Sarah Williamson (University of Huddersfield)

Marta Menor-Rodriguez, Karen Veneziale (Accrington and Rossendale College), Jim Crawley (Bath Spa University), Dr Pete Boyd (University of Cumbria), Christine Warr (Grimsby Institute for F&HE)

Dr. Penny Noel (University of Bolton), Kirstin Sawyer (Bradford College), Jim Corrigan (Yorkshire Coast College - Grimsby Institute), Glenys Richardson (North Lindsey College), Debs Philip (Calderdale College)
This day seminar was aimed at teacher educators in universities and further education colleges whose primary concern is the initial training and continuing professional development of teachers within the Lifelong Learning sector. It provided an opportunity for practitioners and researchers to engage in a constructive dialogue based on the challenges and opportunities posed by the growing body of research into Lifelong Learning - including further, higher and adult education, as well as other forms of post-compulsory education and training. The seminar particularly aimed to attract teacher educators who are delivering higher education programmes in further education colleges - including Certificate in Education and PGCE courses for Lifelong Learning, as well as undergraduate provision in education.

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BA – new delivery model

The BA in Education and Professional Development will be implementing the new delivery model as from September 2012. This will allow much smaller groups in each centre to become viable as the bulk of the direct teaching will be done on the Day Schools (held on Saturdays). Tutors will be involved in the teaching both on the Day schools and in the tutorials/support they will provide to the students in their centre.

The course team are finalising the online materials and online platform for the course. In July, 16 tutors from centres attended a training day for each of the new modules, where they worked through the on-line and Day Schools’ materials that have been developed and practised using Yammer, the social networking tool that will be used to support the blended learning delivery model. A Welcome DVD, which includes a short film about the new course, has been produced and will be sent out to all applicants for the degree at the start of August, with enrolment scheduled to take place week commencing 10th September. The Course Leader is expecting to confirm the staffing for the Saturday day schools in August.

Those students progressing from CertEd will be classified as continuing students and therefore be under the ‘old’ tuition fees regime.

Projects

‘I’m confused’: supporting the fragile leaner

This Selby College Research Project aims to:

- Identify good practice approaches used in the Consortium in terms of supporting trainees’ academic reading and writing.
- Develop examples of resources which demonstrate active reading strategies.
- Develop examples of resources which support higher/lower order writing skills.
- Disseminate good practice approaches across the Consortium.
- Report on tutors’ own perceptions of their literacy and language development needs in order to support their trainees effectively.

The project has progressed well and the Steering Committee will receive the final report at the end of September. We will make the report available on the Consortium website.

Anthology of Specialist Conference

The North Lindsey Project “To promote and acknowledge the value and achievement of academic and subject specialist research undertaken by Cert Ed/PGCE students” has resulted in the publication of an Anthology of Specialist Conference Papers. The objective was to compile the papers produced by the students at the Specialist conference and to publish this both on the Consortium web site (http://bit.ly/QugI2i) and within North Lindsey College itself.
Dates for your diary!

Conferences in 2012-13

We are presently designing the next conference (Friday 1st March 2013) and the theme will be focused on widening participation and e-learning. Julie Hughes from the University of Wolverhampton has agreed to be a keynote speaker. Julie has already written substantially about her practices in teacher education and e-learning; see details of her papers and work generally at her webpage http://bit.ly/PdBRRp. We are also hoping to include an international speaker. We already have one workshop on E-Beam organised; if you have any thoughts about the conference or workshops, please email Denise Robinson.

The annual conference will be held on Friday 28th June, 2013.

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