

Well here we are with GCSE exams upon us and the end of the academic year looming. From September everyone on a full time Study Programme with a grade D (or below) will have to study the GCSE again as a condition of funding. This will present you and your institution with issues such as ensuring all the GCSE classes are covered by suitably qualified staff, learners who are reluctant to re-take the GCSE and those who just do not think it is useful! But never fear as help is here!

## GCSE English Learning Fair

We are hosting an GCSE English Learning Fair at Huddersfield University on 24th June. We have two keynote speakers – **Yana Williams, Principal at Hugh Baird College in Merseyside**, who will be talking about how Further Education Providers are going to address the challenges and **Claire Collins, the English Regional Lead for East Midlands**, who will give you the opportunity to try digital learning approaches for GCSE English to engage your new cohort of learners. You will also be able to choose 3 of the following workshops:

- **The Threshold Skills of GCSE English Language - what students really need to do.** *Kevin Piper, Creative Education*
- **Teaching English to Teenagers; Challenges and Chances.** *Anita Collins, GCSE English teacher at Leeds City College*
- **Who are the learners and what are the difficulties?** *Catriona Mowat, Professional Development Lead for English for the West Midlands*
- **Underpinning Skills in GCSE English – getting the basics right to improve attainment.** *Carol McGivern, Hugh Baird College, Liverpool*
- **Contextualising GCSE English within the Study Programme: a case study of working with Construction students.** *Ruth Bruckshaw, Skills Solution*

The cost is £100 and includes refreshments and resources. To reserve your place and get your toolkit of ideas for 2015/16 [book online](#).

## RaPAL Regional Colloquia 2015

**Reflections in Lifelong Lifewide Learner Journeys: Research and Practice in Adult Literacy (RaPAL) Regional Colloquia event on Friday, 19th June.**

You might be interested in this event being organised by RaPAL. The morning includes CPD activities on small-scale research projects you can weave into your everyday teaching and a guided reflection activity and concludes with lunch. The 'Northern' venue is **Wirral Lifelong and Family Learning Service, Twickenham Drive, Wirral, CH46 2QF**, and the costs for the morning activities and lunch is £12. Full details of the event and a booking link can be found by clicking on [this link](#).

## The Education Training Foundation Courses

And finally The Education Training Foundation will be offering a range of courses from September which include further opportunities to access the English Enhancement Programme, courses on embedding English and a Level 5 module of CPD to develop the skills of new tutors and those who attended the English Enhancement.

Sign up for their newsletter at <http://www.et-foundation.co.uk/>

You can also find details here about the new **Society for Education and Training**

I look forward to seeing you on 24th!

Best Wishes

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