

# ***Adult Community Learning: New Challenges, New Chances?***

## ***Update on national policy and practice in Adult Community Learning***

Jan Novitzky, Programme Manager, National Institute for Adult Continuing Education (NIACE)

## ***Safeguarding Community Learning: A Leeds Approach***

Jane Hopkins, Head of Employment and Skills, Leeds City Council

## ***Linking Adult Community Learning with Higher Education***

Lindsey Fraser, Communities & Partnerships Coordinator, Lifelong Learning Centre, University of Leeds



**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 2012  
5.30pm - 7.30pm**

Join us for this **FREE** event to celebrate Adult Learners' Week. Refreshments are available from 5pm and the seminar will be followed by a buffet.

Please see over for further information and details of how to book

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## Synopsis

Held during Adult Learners' Week, this seminar will bring stakeholders from different sectors together to discuss the challenges and opportunities for Community Learning in the coming years. Government strategy will be discussed in light of the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills' review of public funding for this form of learning. There will be a chance to explore the local issues around Community Learning funding and the local authority's commissioning role. Finally, we will draw on case studies and experiences of mature students to look at the contribution Higher Education can make to supporting transformative learning in communities.

**The seminar will finish with a buffet to celebrate Adult Learners Week and give practitioners and other participants an opportunity to socialise together.**

## Biographies

**Jan Novitzky, Programme Manager, National Institute for Adult Continuing Education (BA hons, MPhil, PGCE, Dip Adult Continuing Ed)**

Jan Novitzky has over 30 years' experience of working in adult education. Originally qualified as a town planner, Jan has worked in a wide variety of educational settings including the voluntary sector, workplace and trade union learning, community education, residential education, higher education and tutor training. Prior to working in NIACE, she was a development officer with the NHSU, and before that a lifelong learning officer with a local authority.

**Jane Hopkins, Head of Employment and Skills, Leeds City Council**

Starting professional life as a Guidance Worker for adults with basic skills needs, I have spent almost 30 years in public service within the field of adult learning and skills development. My current post, as Head of the Employment and Skills Service within Leeds City Council focuses on strategies to connect workless adults and young people with employment opportunities, particularly those furthest from the labour market. However, this journey is often difficult and complex and having responsibility for overseeing the Council's commissioned Community Learning offer against an evolving backdrop remains an exciting prospect.

**Lindsey Fraser, Communities and Partnerships Coordinator, University of Leeds**

Lindsey's work at the University began in the 1980s on an action research project developing innovative community-based provision with unwaged adults. Subsequently she has led community education projects on active citizenship, widening participation, employability and community development. She has extensive experience of working with community groups and adult learning providers. Lindsey's work continues to demonstrate her commitment to the importance of universities' civic responsibility to their local communities.

## Venue

The seminar will take place at the University of Leeds, LS2 9JT. Exact venue details will be confirmed on booking.

## Interested?

This seminar is **FREE** to attend and open to anyone with an interest in this topic. Booking is essential, so please contact Rebecca Edwards on 0113 343 6892 / [r.m.edwards@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:r.m.edwards@leeds.ac.uk) to confirm your attendance.