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## **Equality and Diversity Conference, Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**University of Huddersfield**

**LS2/10-11**

**School of Education and Professional Development and the  
PCET Consortium**

### **'Diversity is what we have in common'**

**Theme: Equality, Diversity and Inclusive Practice:** As we live in a world of differences, we have to deal with diversity in our everyday lives. As practitioners/researchers we have to translate such challenges into feasible and realistic strategies in teaching and learning. This is an opportunity for colleagues and students involved and interested in creating a diverse and inclusive learning environment.

This conference, hosted by the School of Education and Professional Development and the PCET Consortium, University of Huddersfield, is aimed at individuals making a difference on equality, diversity and inclusive practice in teaching and learning in both HE and FE. This one day conference is influenced by the new Equality Act and how we encourage and support colleagues and students fairly.

'Equality and diversity in teaching is a central part of inspection for OFSTED, QAA and other professional bodies and it has become an overarching expectation of outcomes for all learners'

([www.ecu.ac.uk/events/association-of-colleges-equality-and-diversity-in-further-education-conference](http://www.ecu.ac.uk/events/association-of-colleges-equality-and-diversity-in-further-education-conference) March 2011).

The conference offers delegates the opportunity to better understand and influence Equality and Diversity priorities within their own institution, their teaching and learning and question those involved in the future direction and planning of equality and diversity in their institution. Within its inclusive remit there will be scope to engage in networking and critical discussion and promote a culture of collaboration across participants and their expertise.

For the full contents of the day, see details below.

#### **Who should attend:**

Academic Staff, Consortium/HUDCETT Teacher Educators and Tutors, Researchers, Students, Equality Practitioners, Members of Local Communities.

This is an opportunity to raise concerns about equality and diversity practices and where improvements in equality and diversity can be made.

## Programme

Timing	Sessions	Details
9:30 am	<b>Registration and coffee</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Welcome and Introduction: Setting the Scene</b>	<b>Milton Brown:</b> Experience of working within the voluntary and community sector addressing issues of equality, inclusion and cohesion and frequently works as a guest lectures at the Tavistock Institute.
10.10 am	<b>A Different Perspective on Disability Equality</b>	By broadening our insight into dealing with the discrimination disabled students and colleagues face, we will discover more creative ways to tackled it - <b>Laura Chapman</b> is Director of EQuality Training.
10.45 am.	<b>Do we 'belong' in our classrooms?</b>	<b>Jane Wormald (University of Huddersfield) and Becky Clare (Craven College).</b> Interactive activities and resources to promote socio-political analysis and critical dialogue in understandings of inclusion/exclusion in teacher education.
11:20 am - 11.40 am	<b>Break</b>	
11.40 am.	<b>Keynote Speaker: Embedding equality and diversity into your teaching</b>	<b>Trevor Gordon</b> is Director of Gordon French Associates. Followed by questions and discussion with Trevor. Trevor was a former VP in a large FE college. He has worked with over 300 institutions and is on the Board of Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication. He is regarded as an inspirational speaker.
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	Networking.
1.30 pm	<b>Developing Participatory Pedagogies</b>	Penny Jane Burke, Professor of Education and Director of the London Paulo Freire Institute, Roehampton University, London. Her research focus is on access to and widening participation in Lifelong Learning and Higher Education.
2.10 pm	<b>Safeguarding- implications for teachers in SEPD and the Consortium</b>	<b>Jim Reid</b> is Senior Lecturer at the University of Huddersfield. He has worked as a social worker and with UNICEF in Central Asia.
2.40 pm	<b>Refreshments</b>	
2.50 pm	<b>Panel discussion</b>	Chaired by Milton Brown: The panel will comprise of Trevor Gordon, Professor Penny Jane Burke, Jim Reid, Jane Wormald and Becky Clare.
3.15 pm	<b>Close</b>	