

Learning Through Life An Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning

In partnership with the RSA (Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce) Scotland's Futures Forum welcome the return of **Professor Tom Schuller** to The Scottish Parliament to discuss implications for Scotland arising from the recent NIACE Inquiry.

Scotland has a distinctive and world wide reputation for learning. In June 2009, as part of the Public Policy Seminar Series, Professor Schuller discussed with Forum participants "what a Scottish Learning Society should look like". These findings were built into the final report. This latest afternoon seminar will build on the previous one and take the learnings from the UK report to identify critical actions that will help drive Scottish education forward.

Venue: The Scottish Parliament, Holyrood, Edinburgh
Date: Monday 9 Nov 2009
Time: 2.00 – 4.00pm (registration from 1.30pm)
Cost: Free of charge

Programme of the Day

2.00 Welcome address **Scotland's Futures Forum and RSA**
2.05 Learning Through Life, Summary Findings
Professor Tom Schuller, Director, Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning
2.30 Scottish Response **Sir Andrew Cubie CBE, Chairman, The Goodison Group in Scotland**
2.35 Scottish Response
Vivienne Brown, Head of Education and Qualifications, Strategic Relations Directorate, SDS
2.40 Scottish Response
Lesley A. Hart, Director of Lifelong Learning, Centre for Lifelong Learning, University of Strathclyde
2.45 Panel Q & A
3.10 Breakout session
3.50 Plenary **The way Forward**
4.00 Close

Who should come?

RSA Fellows, Goodison Group participants, Educationalists, policy makers and influencers, people from skills development areas, government and local authorities, academics, researchers and individuals interested in the future of Lifelong Learning.

Places are limited and will be given on a first come basis.

If you wish to attend, please register at

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Background

The Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning www.niace.org.uk/lifelonglearninginquiry was set up in 2007 as an independent Inquiry sponsored by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE). During the Inquiry, experts from government, business, academia, trade unions, public services, providers, the third sector, and learners have come together with the Inquiry's Commissioners to identify a broad consensus for the future of lifelong learning in the UK, informed by over 250 evidence submissions.

Biographies

Tom Schuller is director of an independent Inquiry into the Future for Lifelong Learning in the UK, sponsored by the National Institute of Adult and Continuing Education. From 2003 – 2008 he was Head of the Centre for Educational Research and Innovation (CERI), OECD, Paris. Formerly Dean of the Faculty of Continuing Education and Professor of Lifelong Learning at Birkbeck, University of London from 1999 to 2003, he was also co-director of the Centre for Research on the Wider Benefits of Learning. Previous positions were at the Universities of Edinburgh, Glasgow and Warwick, at the Institute for Community Studies in London, and for four years at OECD in the 1970s. Tom's research history covers many areas of lifelong learning, but also fields such as employee participation, social capital and the social study of time. His most recent books are *Understanding the Social Outcomes of Learning* (with Richard Desjardins, OECD 2007), *Evidence in Education: Linking Research and Policy* (edited, with Tracey Burns, OECD 2007), and *The Benefits of Learning: The Impact of Education on Health, Family Life and Social Capital* (with John Preston et al, Routledge Falmer 2004).

Sir Andrew Cubie CBE FRSE FRSA holds a number of non-executive Directorships in UK public and private companies. He has been engaged in education issues throughout his professional career. He is currently the Chair of the Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework, chairs the JNC of the Universities Superannuation Scheme and is a Director of the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education. He acts as a consultant to Higher Education institutions and organisations both in the UK and abroad and is currently an adviser to the World Bank in regard to governance issues for higher education in India. He serves as a member of the Management Board of HMIE. He was a Fulbright Commissioner until January 2009.

Vivienne Brown FRSA is Head of Education and Qualifications with Skills Development Scotland. Vivienne was previously Head of Policy and Strategy with Careers Scotland and, before that, Chief Executive of Lanarkshire careers company. She has spent two separate secondments with Scottish Government – working on DTS and Schools of Ambition in 2006 and the first secondment in 2000, advising on setting up Careers Scotland itself. Vivienne is currently (2009) President of Institute of Careers Guidance, the UK membership organisation for 4500 professional Careers Advisers. She is also well-travelled, delivering lectures and presentations as an invited speaker across the globe.

Lesley Hart FRSA is Director of Lifelong Learning at the University of Strathclyde. She joined the university in 1982 having previously worked in careers guidance and adult education administration. She has significant experience of developing new learning initiatives aimed at increasing adults' participation in learning. In 1987 she developed and introduced a programme aimed at the 50+ and its success led, in 1991, to the establishment of Scotland's first Senior Studies Institute. As SSI Head, she built up a large learning programme and also diversified the Institute's activities to include skills training for employment and for volunteering projects. Appointed to her new post in 2002, she now plays a more strategic role in promoting lifelong learning throughout the university and in the community.