

## Westminster Employment Forum Keynote Seminar

### Next steps for community and lifelong learning in England - improving quality, widening participation and generating external investment

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Brinton**, Treasurer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning
- 9.05 - 9.15 **What was learnt from the Community Learning Trust (CLT) Pilots**  
**Tricia Hartley**, Chief Executive, Campaign for Learning
- 9.15 - 9.25 **Generating external investment - best practice in fundraising for community learning**  
**Nicholas Fox**, Director, Individual Learning Company
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Developing community learning partnerships and securing investment**  
*What further steps can be taken to encourage community learning providers to develop local partnerships? What have been the most effective approaches employed by community learning partnerships to engage members of the community in the development of their strategy, such as workshops and community events? In what ways have providers been successful in generating external investment - such as through fees and corporate sponsors - in addition to direct public subsidy; what can be done to raise awareness of available support, such as the Pound Plus data collection tool developed by RCU? Could more be done to support providers in taking advantage of grants provided both by Government and others such as the Big Lottery Fund and the European Social Fund?*  
**Judith McManus**, Head of Operations, Aspire Sussex  
**Tom Molloy**, Service Manager, Luton Adult & Community Learning  
**Neil Coker**, Senior Director, Access, Solihull College, West Midlands  
**Dr Toni Sant**, Education Organiser, Wikimedia UK  
Questions and comments from the floor with **Tricia Hartley**, Chief Executive, Campaign for Learning and **Nicholas Fox**, Director, Individual Learning Company
- 10.15 - 10.40 **Regulating and raising standards in community learning**  
**Gillian Reay HMI**, Senior HMI, North-East Yorkshire and the Humber and National Lead, Community Learning and Skills, Ofsted  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Brinton**, Treasurer, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Further Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning
- 10.45 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top**
- 11.15 - 11.40 **Sharing best practice and encouraging innovation**  
**Dr Cheryl Turner**, Senior Research Fellow, NIACE  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 - 12.30 **Participation, learner satisfaction, employability skills and engaging hard to reach communities**  
*What further steps can be taken to drive improvement in community learning? What more can be done to increase participation in community learning; how can providers be encouraged to share best practice in engaging disadvantaged and priority groups? What has been the impact of the Community Learning Innovation Fund in developing new approaches to widening participation? What further steps can be taken to help more adult learners develop the skills they need to progress into employment, volunteering or further learning; could more be done to encourage providers and local employment services to work more closely together to address local skills shortages? What more could be done to encourage greater numbers of people to volunteer to become Community Learning Champions?*  
**Mike Attwell**, Education Director and lead Director for East and West Midlands, Workers' Educational Association  
**Dave Eva**, Delivery Manager, unionlearn  
**Mike Ellicock**, Chief Executive, National Numeracy  
**Jan Hughes**, CTR Business Training Centre Manager, Canterbury College, Kent  
**Alison Wheeler**, Executive Member, Society of Chief Librarians and General Manager, Suffolk's Libraries Industrial and Provident Society  
**Paul Essery**, Chief Executive Officer, Liquid Networks  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Next steps for Community Learning policy**  
**Liz Lawson**, Community Learning Team, Pre-Employment and Basic Skills Division, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Employment Forum closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon the Baroness Armstrong of Hill Top**  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Employment Forum