



Forthcoming Linking London Events: Autumn Term 2009

14th September 3-5pm, room 509 Malet Street, Birkbeck, University of London **Supporting Advanced Diploma Learners Into Higher Education**

Advanced Diploma learners on the first 5 diploma lines delivered from September 2008 will now be planning to make applications to HE. This event, aimed at IAG staff and diploma deliverers, will explore how to support these students to make successful applications to HE.

23rd September 3-5pm, room 539, Malet Street, Birkbeck, University of London **Preparing a Higher Education Strategy for HEFCE**

HEFCE strategy for higher education in further education colleges (FECs) is now seeking a more strategic approach from FECs, and all colleges offering HE provision are required to submit an institutional HE strategy to HEFCE by January the 11th 2010.

This event aims to support partners in this process and will clarify requirements in the context of planning needs and the experience of FECs who have already started or have completed the process.

24th September 2-5.15pm & 25th September 9.15am-1pm. Rooms 101, 102 & 103, 20 Russell Square, Birkbeck, University of London

BeFlex Plus and Linking London Symposium

This symposium will offer a unique platform for the discussion of new multi agency ways of working to promote and enhance lifelong learning at regional level and explore the potential for bespoke partnerships between employers, employees, universities and other education and training providers.

Participants from Linking London membership organisations and their counterparts in Limburg and similar Dutch

agencies will come together to share experience of partnership working and successful initiatives, discuss best practice and the potential for further collaborations.

25th September 4-5pm, room 153, Malet Street, Birkbeck, University of London **Launch of Linking London Diploma Support Service**

Advanced Diploma learners who started in 2008 will be making applications to higher education from this September. A 14-19 Advanced Diploma E -Service has been set up by Linking London and is aimed at staff supporting Advanced Diploma learners applying to HE in 2009 – 10 and admissions and receiving tutors in HE. This free service will be available via dedicated e-mail and telephone hotline from this September until the end of January 2010. The launch will consist of a cheese and wine buffet and provide an overview of this unique service to members of the network.


14th October 2-4pm, room 153, Malet Street, Birkbeck, University of London **The Access to HE Diploma and BTEC National Diploma Update**

The Access Diploma will shortly change to a graded qualification, as opposed to simply pass/fail. BTEC qualifications are expected to become an important component of Additional Specialist Learning (ASL) as part of the new 14-19 Diploma. This event will update you on these two important qualifications for vocational learners, and discuss issues in relation to progression such as the provision of clear entry requirements to prospective learners.

21st October, 10am-12pm, room 152, Malet Street, Birkbeck, University of London

Using data to support progression

Data has an important role to play in informing and monitoring both our work and the work of our partners in supporting the progression of vocational learners into HE. This event will get together practitioners to discuss how best to collect data about the



progression of vocational learners, the role of data in monitoring progression agreements and the strategic use of data to support FE to HE progression. We will consider FE to HE progression data, Framework for Achievement, WP and retention data, using UCAS data and the possibility of joint FE and HE working.

4th November 4-6pm, room tbc

Employer Event

Provisional Title: Enhancing Linking London engagement with Local Authorities

Local Authorities (LAs) are major players in the employment sector both in terms of people directly employed by the LA's and those employed by LA's contracted services. Linking London's HEI and FEC partners could offer extensive training provision for LA's workforce. However, partnership working has had mixed outcomes.

The workshop with participants from LAs, FECs and HEIs, will address what has worked well, the obstacles that have been encountered and future activities that could enhance cooperation between LAs and FECs and HEIs.

11 November 2009 2-4pm, room tbc

The Additional and Specialist Learning Strand of the New Advanced Diplomas - What are the Issues?

The Additional and Specialist Learning (ASL) strand of the Diploma has been designed to enable students to specialise, take up relevant complementary learning and personalise their Diploma. However, significant issues that could amount to barriers to learner progression to HE have been identified and these need to be addressed urgently. Some of these are: inflexibilities around entry requirements, ASL provision within Diploma Delivery Partnerships and the need for informed choice at the start of the Diploma. This event will raise awareness of these difficulties and explore potential solutions.

25th November 1pm start with lunch, room tbc

Development Fund Dissemination Event

To date £565,000 has been allocated to network members who have successfully bid for development funds to initiate a number of innovative projects. This event will showcase a number of completed development fund projects and provide an opportunity for attendees to find out more about the findings of these projects from project leads.