



Skills for Learning Professionals

Further Education Workforce Reforms in England launch

Lifelong Learning UK (LLUK), in partnership with the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), held an event to celebrate the launch of the Further Education (FE) Workforce Reforms in England on 8 October, 2007.

Nearly 100 guests attended the evening reception during which there were speeches from Professor Sir David Melville, LLUK Chair; the Rt. Hon. Bill Rammell MP, Minister for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education; Teresa Bergin, Head of Sector Skills, QCA and David Hunter, LLUK Chief Executive.

At the event, Bill Rammell acknowledged the importance of the new regulations, which will professionalise the million-strong FE workforce. He stated:

“As the standards of teaching and leadership rise and the workforce becomes fully professionalized, we are seeing the esteem and status of the sector rising too and public recognition of its national importance. Our new qualifications for teachers and principals, professional registration and the entitlement to continuing professional development will ensure that teachers, trainers and managers are equipped to help students achieve their goals.”

David Hunter also reiterated the opportunity the reforms offer the FE workforce, highlighting the benefits that the regulations will bring to both FE providers and learners. He commented:

“In order for UK Plc to have a world-class workforce, it must have the best teachers and trainers. The FE workforce reforms are vital in delivering this and will ensure that the FE workforce achieves parity with other professions and that those within it are supported as they continue to develop their skills throughout their careers.”



Professor Sir David Melville, LLUK Chair, opened the speeches and gave an overview of the history and purpose of the further education (FE) workforce reforms.



The Rt. Hon. Bill Rammell MP, Minister of Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, explained why professionalising the workforce was essential and acknowledged the hard work and many agencies involved in making the reforms a reality.



Teresa Bergin, Head of Sector Skills at the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), spoke of the partnership undertaken between QCA and LUK in developing the reforms.



David Hunter, Chief Executive of LUK, closed the speeches by talking of the road that lay ahead in implementing the reforms and ensuring their success.



Following the speeches, guests enjoyed the opportunity to mingle.



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