

## **BERA Post Compulsory and Lifelong Learning SIG.**

### **Application for a 'grant'- teacher educators in the lifelong learning sector**

This is an application for a sum of £500 to host an event on the theme of research in the field of teacher education in the lifelong learning sector. The proposed location for this event will be at the Institute of Education, University of London.

Recent government proposals have resulted in changes in the field of teacher education. These changes together with the White Paper (Department for Education 2010) 'Importance of Teaching', which emphasized the importance of teaching and its centrality to pedagogic activities in all sectors of education have created an opportunity to ascertain the demand for research in the area of teacher education and in particular teacher educators and their pedagogic activities in the lifelong learning sector. Further more, investigations into teacher educators have increased in recent years and those researchers include Noel (2006), Berry (2009) and Murray (2012).

The aims of this free event are:

1. Provide teacher educators a platform to network and discuss their activities in the field of teacher education.
2. Enable teacher educators with an opportunity to reflect on possible areas for research relating to their roles.
3. Explore specific research areas for future undertakings either collaboratively or individually.

The free event is open to teacher educators with particular reference to those from the following networks:

- BERA PCLL SIG
- Higher Education Academy (HEA)
- Learning and Skills Research Network (LSRN)
- South West Centre for Excellence for Teacher Education (SW CETT)
- Teacher Educators in the Lifelong Learning Sector (TELL)
- Universities Council for the Education of Teachers (UCET)

Invited keynote speakers (to be arranged with possible academics such as Professors Jean Murray of the University of East London, a leading authority on teacher education and Karen Evans of the Institute of Education, a leading authority on the workplace learning) will be given separate opportunities to discuss their specialisms in relation to teacher education. After each of the sessions, the participants will have opportunities to discuss and reflect on the speakers' input and relate to their own professional practices from the context of possible areas for research. Depending on the response of this event, there may also be opportunities for individual or collaborative presentation of posters to disseminate ideas for research.

The organisers of this event are:

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Jim Crawley, Bath Spa University.