

Educational  
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# The Environment as an Informal Adult Learning Issue



Tuesday 6 May 2008  
10.30am - 4.00pm

Central Hall,  
Westminster

Keynote Speaker: David Lammy MP  
Minister for Skills

A Seminar to inform responses to the DIUS Consultation: "Informal Adult Learning - Shaping the Way Ahead"

**DEFRA**  
Ministers have been invited to contribute to this event

An ECA Quality Conference

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# Informal Adult Learning

Shaping the Way Ahead

<http://www.adultlearningconsultation.org.uk/>

## The DIUS Consultation

John Denham launched the Government's consultation on the future of informal adult learning on 15 January 2008. The consultation invites "everyone with an interest in the future of informal adult learning" to contribute to the debate.

The consultation period runs until the 15 May 2008.

## Preparing to Respond - 6th May 2008: The Environment as an Informal Adult Learning Issue

### **The aim of this conference is:**

To ensure that climate change and sustainable lifestyles are made core issues in national policy for adult education.

### **This event will:**

- bring together stakeholders and key influencers in the post-16 education, third and environmental sectors
  - identify possibilities for securing attitudinal & behavioural change, relating to sustainability, through informal education
  - consider which adult education strategies will elicit the greatest combined personal, social & environmental benefits
  - inform the responses of delegates and their associates to the DIUS formal consultation which ends 15 May 2008
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“All forms of good adult learning are valuable. Whether vocational, or simply for personal enlightenment and fulfilment, adult learning contributes immeasurably to the wellbeing and health of our society.”

**John Denham**

**Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills**

## Programme

The day will comprise a series of short presentations on linked themes. After each group of inputs there will be table discussions by delegates who will address issues raised. A brief feedback from each group will ensure that no important topic is overlooked.

It is expected that David Lammy MP will speak shortly after noon; the programme is being built around his keynote address.

As a result of the event delegates will have a better understanding of the relationships between adult learning and environmental issues. This should both inform their current practice and contribute to their thinking concerning submissions to Government in response to the present consultation.

## Speakers

### **David Lammy MP (Keynote Speaker)**

David Lammy is the Minister for Skills in the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills

### **Professor Bob Fryer CBE (Chair)**

Professor Bob Fryer is the Chief Learning Adviser at the Department of Health

### **Professor Shirley Ali Khan**

Professor Shirley Ali Khan is the Education Director for the Bulmer Foundation

### **Sophie Duncan**

Sophie Duncan is the Project Executive for Breathing Places at BBC Learning

### **Joy Greasley**

Joy Greasley is NFWI Vice-Chair and Chair of Training Committee.

### **Peter Templeton**

Peter Templeton is the Director of Education, Quality and Strategy at the WEA.

### **Alan Tuckett**

Alan Tuckett is the Director of NIACE

### **Mark Walton**

Mark Walton is Head of Every Action Counts.



# Who should attend?

This seminar aims to put issues of environmental sustainability firmly on the informal adult learning agenda and invites stakeholders from the **post-16 education, third and environmental sectors** to share perspectives and help to inform their responses to this consultation.

Stakeholders will include Local Authorities, Colleges, Environmental bodies, the Third Sector, RDAs, Empowerment Partnerships and Government Offices.

## The Opportunity to Influence Policy

Across Government there is a deep concern regarding environmental and sustainability issues; a concern which is increasingly expressed by much of the population. There is a diversity of excellent practice in terms of adult learning and the environment across a range of organisations in the public, private and third sector. But these lack effective co-ordination or support from Government and other funding bodies. Regrettably environmental issues are not mentioned at all in the consultation paper. This event provides the opportunity to ensure that environmental issues feature clearly in the debate. Moreover

John Denham acknowledges that, “If the public do not have the capacity to understand scientific evidence and risk, they face being unable to make the best decisions for themselves and their families, or, in a democracy, to put the most appropriate pressure on politicians.”

**Speech “Science and Society”,  
delivered at the RSA,  
16 January 2008**

This lack of understanding has a strong bearing on a wide range of personal and public issues, from obesity to climate change. Without strategies that incorporate elements of science education within Informal Adult Learning, another generation will pass before there can be any hope that these concerns will be addressed.

### **Educational Centres Association**

The Educational Centres Association ‘ECA’ is a national adult learning organisation funded by DIUS. It was founded as the Educational Settlements Association in 1920 and is in reciprocal membership with NIACE. Its traditional territory has been ‘liberal’ adult education with a strong emphasis on learner engagement; it has places at board level for student representation. The Association is a founder member of the Community Sector Coalition where it most clearly represents the voice of adult learning in the third sector.

Over the past two years, as part of the Coalition’s sustainability actions, the ECA has played a strong role in the DEFRA funded ‘Every Action Counts’ initiative promoting 5 themes (save energy, travel wisely, shop ethically, save our resources, care for your area) of environmental sustainability within third sector organisations.

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## Delegate Details

**PLEASE PRINT - complete all sections and return to arrive no later than 2 May 2008. Places are limited and early application is advised.**

Title	Full Name
Position	Organisation
Daytime tel no.	Mobile no.
email	
Address (for pre-conference papers)	
Postcode	

### Organisation type:

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Media        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental   | <input type="checkbox"/> Third Sector |

### Additional delegates (if booking for more than one delegate)

Name	Position
Name	Position
Please book _____ places at £ _____ per delegate at the conference to be held on 6 May 2008 at Central Hall, Westminster	

## Payment Details:

- I enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to "Educational Centres Association"
- I enclose a Purchase Order No. \_\_\_\_\_
- Please invoice my organisation for £ \_\_\_\_\_

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Signed _____	Date _____
If you have any special requirements regarding access or diet please give details _____	

How did you hear about this event? \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to: Educational Centres Association, c/o Suzy Howes & Associates Ltd  
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**NOTE:** Cancellations will be subject to an administration charge; any received later than 10 working days prior to the conference date will incur the full fee. Late bookings (subject to availability) may be surcharged.

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# For further information on **The Environment** as an **Informal Adult Learning Issue**

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**Costs:** £150 Commercial and Government Bodies  
£120 Local Authorities  
£75 Third Sector

## **Venue**

**Central Hall Westminster**  
**Storey's Gate**  
**London SW1H 9NH**  
W: [www.chw.com](http://www.chw.com)

Central Hall Westminster is located on Storey's Gate, across the road from Westminster Abbey and Houses of Parliament.

## **Underground**

Westminster on the Jubilee, Circle & District lines.  
St James' Park on the Circle & District lines.  
Victoria on the Victoria, Circle & District lines.

## **British Rail**

Central Hall is within easy walking distance of Victoria, Charing Cross & Waterloo mainline stations.

## **Buses**

Buses 11, 24, 148 and 211 pass the door  
Buses 3, 12, 53, 53X, 77A, 88, 109, 159 and 453 stop nearby

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