

#### Introduction to the Forum for Access and Continuing Education - FACE

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#### FACE Annual Conferences 1993-2014



- 1. Adelpi Hotel (Liverpool) AGM 1993
- 2. Guildhall University 1994
- 3. Connaught Rooms London1995
- 4. Plymouth University 1996
- 5. University of Sunderland1997
- 6. University of Central Lancashire1998
- 7. Nottingham Trent University1999
- 8. Ruskin College Oxford2000
- 9. Southampton Institute2001
- 10. University of Glamorgan2002
- 11. University of Stirling 2003
- 12. University of Portsmouth2004
- 13. University College Cork2005
- 14. Swansea University2006
- 15. University of East London2007
- 16. York St John University2008
- 17. Staffordshire University2009
- 18. Southampton Solent University2010
- 19. University of Glasgow2011
- 20. University of Ulster2012
- 21. Plymouth University2013
- 22. University of Salford 2014

## **Network Characteristics**

- Focus on access and lifelong learning
- Established in 1993 as a registered charity and NGO
- UK wide network with substantial and growing international members
- Multi-sector network
- Member-led network
- Community of practice

## **Network Characteristics**

- 400 members both individual and institutional members
- Independent network
- Core Staff (membership, communications)
- Executive Committee annually elected
- Funding from Publications, Subscriptions and Events
- Excellent and active Executive and support staff drawn from Universities colleges and stakeholder organisations



#### Key Roles for FACE as a National Network

- To challenge exclusion and promote full participation in Lifelong Learning
- Promote collaboration and innovation in access and lifelong learning
- Pressure group
- Events organizer and supporter
- Forum for co-operation and development



#### Key Roles for FACE as a National Network

- Support research and scholarly activity
- National policy shaper working closely with funding bodies, government and other agencies
- Service provider
- Professional development
- Forum for knowledge and practice exchange
- Publisher and information hub
- Funding and resources for members



#### **FACE** Publications output

# 500 Authors 289 Papers



2003) Attracting and retaining learners: policy and practice perspectives 2004) Learning transformations: changing learners, organisations and communities 2005) Access retention and employability 2006) Towards a global understanding of lifelong learning: making a difference 2007) Transformation, progression and hope: whatever happened to lifelong learning 2008) Social justice and lifelong learning: Diversity, globalisation, transformation 2009) Challenging isolation: the role of lifelong learning 2010) Towards a new agenda for lifelong learning: access, diversity and participation 2011) Which way now to widen participation 2012) Lifelong learning and community development 2013) Widening access to Higher education in Divided Communities

#### Benefits and member services

- Annual conference, seminar and workshop programme (member discounts)
- Monthly members e-bulletin
- Website www.f-a-c-e.org.uk including the Blog
- Publications (member discounts)
- Member mailing



#### Benefits and member services

- Members compendium
- National and International networking (NADE, Include)
- Research and Development Fund for members
- Special rate for academic journal
- Free conference place for early careers members
- Reduced rates at partner events



Sustainable financial model (Dual income stream)

- Membership subscription
  - Institutional (£195)
  - Individual (£75)
- Non subscription income
  - Conference Franchise fee
  - Events, publications, CPD



#### 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference

Collaborate to Widen Participation: to, through and beyond HE 2-4 July 2014 University of Salford - Manchester www.face2014.org



### Thank you

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