

Recent years have witnessed a major growth of interest in informal education. Practitioners located in a variety of settings have come to appreciate the value of education via the medium of conversation. Many now view it as a way of adding richness and diversity to the educational experience and learning of those they work with. Not least in formal settings and institutions practitioners have found informal education complements and enhances traditional and more formal ways of offering learning opportunities. In seeking more democratic and responsive educational experiences many find the ideas and techniques of informal education helpful. Especially as a way of developing educational encounters beyond the classroom that encourage greater participation and flexibility.

Historically informal education has usually been encountered within areas such as youth work, adult education and community work. However practitioners working in schools, criminal justice, health, libraries, leisure, social work and further education are increasingly turning to informal education. Not only applying it within new settings but developing fresh, exciting insights and techniques that add richness to the informal education tradition.

This conference is designed to capture something of the breadth and vitality of these innovations by bringing together practitioners, academics and writers involved with informal educational practice in formal and other settings. It is also the intention of the conference to explore the advantages and practicalities of setting up a Federation of informal educators—to consolidate and develop the theory and practice of informal education

Informal Education

within a
Formal Setting

Venue: Hinsley Hall,
Leeds.

Friday May 29th, 2009

10.00 to 4.45

£85

A one day conference with
key speakers and



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Conference Booking Form

Start: 10.00 a.m.

Finish: 4.45 p.m.

Please book _____ place(s) @ **£85** per person. (This includes a £10.00 non-returnable deposit).

No cancellations can be accepted after 27th April 2009

Total enclosed **£** _____ please make cheques payable to:
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Names and Addresses of all participants

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Provisional Programme

10.00 Registration : coffee	12.30 Lunch
10.15 Introduction and welcome	13.30 Detached Youth Work Fed
10.25 Speaker: Mark Smith (YMCA George Williams College, London	14.00 Workshop (2) 15.30 coffee
11.00 Coffee	15.45 Plenary Discussion and close
11.15 Workshops (1)	

Workshops will consider informal education in areas such as:- church based settings; outdoor activity programmes; schools and further education; penal institutions; residential

Speakers and workshop leaders include:-

Chris Dunning (Rank Foundation);
Ian McGimpsey (Royal Society of Arts);
Mark Smith (YMCA George Williams College, London); Nathan Ward (STU),
Detached Youth Work Federation Representatives Bill Cox and Kevin Jones