



recognising learning through credit

SEEC Annual Conference

18 – 19 June 2009

University of Westminster, London

Credit-based curricula: choices and challenges

Examining learning economies and credit transfers

From 2009-2010 there will be very few UK higher education institutions that do not offer curricula based on credit. Many questions still arise and benefit from consideration. For example:

- Are these curricula being designed to prioritise the needs of learners, or to maximise the economy and efficiency of institutions?
- What are the models that work best to meet both agendas?
- What are the key factors that continue to inhibit the transfer of credit between organisations?
- In what ways do the latest national, European and International frameworks both help the promotion of credit and hinder its use?

SEEC invites you to

- Listen to speakers who will provide a specialist perspective on the issues
- Offer a paper, poster or leaflet relating to your own interests and expertise on the topic
- Engage in debates about policy and practice
- Work on practical solutions for your own organisation

Please submit your proposals by Thursday 7 May 2009
Early-bird discount for booking before 7 May.

Draft programme

This event is designed to allow delegates a certain degree of 'pick and mix' depending upon their particular interests.

Thursday 18 June

We start with an afternoon focused on the broad policy context. John Craven, Vice Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth and previous Chair of the University Alliance, will speak on '*Institutional challenges and choices in economic curriculum design*'. Alan Palmer, HEFCE Policy Adviser, will ask '*Does credit make a difference to funding: if so how – for now and the future?*' The conference dinner will encourage networking and the short after-dinner presentation on '*Pitfalls of travelling without credit*' will engage more light-heartedly with a learner perspective.

Friday 19 June

The sessions on Friday will focus upon models of current practice and allow useful debate on practical solutions and the way forward. '*Credit level descriptors; even more useful?*' will give an opportunity to preview and discuss the updated SEEC level descriptors, and new potential for their use. The parallel workshop topics will include AP(E)L, European convergence issues, module design and accreditation. The plenary will focus on identification of future areas for development.

Proposal submissions

Please submit your proposals (up to 500 words) for a paper, poster or workshop which will engage us in a stimulating professional conversation.

Deadline: Thursday 7 May 2009

Post: SEEC Conference Office, Box 26, Southbank Technopark,
90 London Road, London, SE1 6LN

Email: conference@seec.org.uk
(make the subject 'Papers for SEEC Conference 2009')

Booking and further information

Details of fees, venues, draft programme and the booking form are on the webpage www.seec.org.uk. There is a substantial discount for SEEC members and an early bird discount for bookings before 7 May 2009.

The proceedings of the conference will be published on the SEEC website.