



SPRING 2013 NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTER PROFILES

David Pridmore - Deputy Principal, Bedford College

Presenter - EFA Funding in Support of Study Programmes

David first joined the Further Education sector in 1983. Since then he has undertaken a wide range of roles within the sector. He worked initially as a lecturer in electrical engineering, moving to Curriculum Manager for Engineering and then to Head of Technology, before promotion to his present Senior Management role.



Prior to coming into the education sector David worked in the Engineering, primarily in the Aerospace industry.

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Bob Whitehead – Head of Engineering, Lambeth College
Mariutxy Cadavid – former Access student and now College
Lecturer

Presenters - Access Courses in Engineering – what are they and what is their future?



Bob originally qualified as a motor vehicle engineer prior to being appointed as a technician at the former Brixton College in London.

Soon after incorporation the new Lambeth College was formed from the merger of three large colleges. Bob moved to the former South London College where he began to take on some part-time teaching. His interest in education developing, he then studied for an HNC in Electronic Engineering at London South Bank University and progressed to a full time teaching position.

More recently Bob became Curriculum Manager at Lambeth College, in the Faculty of Technology, where he managed a range of courses including Access. In September 2012 he was appointed as their new Head of Engineering.

Mariutxy came to the UK from Colombia, wishing to study Aerospace Engineering and to gain as fast as possible progression to University.

In 2002 she studied at Lambeth College on an Access to Computer Aided Engineering course

and then progressed to Queen Mary University (London) where she achieved a BEng in Aerospace Engineering. At the same time she also attended London South Bank University where she studied for a BSc in Forensic Science.

In 2009 Mariutxy returned to Lambeth College as a Tutor on their Access to Computer Aided Engineering course for which her knowledge and university experience proved invaluable to the learners.

Further study enabled her to gain her PGCE from Canterbury Christchurch University in 2012 and she currently teaches a range of engineering subjects to Access students. Continuing to study, she is now working towards an MSc in Aerospace Engineering at Kingston University.

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Prof Daniel Khan OBE – CEO, Open College Network, London Region

Presenter - Entrepreneurship Programmes, including the Gazelle Group



Professor Daniel Khan has had an impressive ‘portfolio’ career that has included accountancy, financial management, teaching, college leadership and now a chief executive role at the Open College Network, London Region

He was Deputy Principal at York College prior to moving as Principal to Grimsby College (now Grimsby Institute of Further and Higher Education).

He has taken up his new post at an interesting time; the Open College Network, London Region, along with nine other regional networks has recently been given independent awarding status which will give them the freedom to develop qualifications that meet the specific needs of their region, alongside the Open College Network qualifications they already deliver.

The increase in university tuition fees, due to rise to £9,000 a year, will mean big changes right across the education sector and Daniel predicts a much bigger demand for a “part-time learning, part-time working” model. In addition, he says, universities and colleges will be under far greater pressure to prove they are providing value-for-money – and that their courses help students get jobs, he says.

But it is for his work at Grimsby College that Daniel was again invited to address the NFEF Conference so that he might share how he developed a range of provision which resulted in the college developing a £60M income.

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John Perks – Head of Funding Systems , SFA

Presenter - The new SFA Streamlined Funding System for Adults

John is currently the Head of Funding Systems and Information at the Skills Funding Agency.



He has worked for the Association of Colleges as head of its technology arm - the National Information and Learning Technology Alliance (NILTA). He was also ILT Manager at Matthew Boulton College.

John studied at the University of Warwick – in the Warwick Business School

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Teresa Frith – Senior Skills Policy Manager, AoC

Presenter – The Richard Review – How this changes the relationship between Employers and Providers

Teresa is currently Senior Skills Policy Manager at the Association of Colleges (AoC). As part of her role she sits on various adversary boards/panels and represents the AoC at meetings related to issues affecting the delivery of education within the FE sector.



Her views are regularly quoted in the Times Educational Supplement.

Teresa is a strong supporter of NFEC and its mission. She recently worked closely with NFEC and the Awarding Bodies in reviewing and structuring the changes to the building services qualifications proposed by Summit Skills.

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Joanna Stokes – Assistant Principal, Middlesbrough College.



Presenter – 14 to 16 Direct Recruitment

Joanna is an experienced manager in both Further Education and the hospitality industry, with a proven record of improving standards of provision and implementing effective and sustainable change. Very much underpinning these outcomes is her excellent and inspirational people management skills.

She has held several positions at Middlesbrough College where she has lectured, been a Deputy Director of Programmes in Catering, Hospitality, Travel & Tourism and is currently Assistant Principal for Responsive Curriculum.

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Jev Bhalla – Bhalla Consulting Ltd



Presenter – Traineeships

Jev Bhalla is an electronics engineer and has held senior curriculum and support positions in colleges across the country.

He has an outstanding track record in quality improvement, raising academic standards and learner success rates. This has included working with Walsall Adult and Community College (WACC). Recently inspected by OfSTED, the College gained 23 out of the 24 grades awarded at outstanding.

This was personally recognised by Matthew Hancock MP, Minister for Skills.

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Workshop Facilitators

David Jaitly-McDonald – Tutor, Carshalton College

Dealing with Challenging Behaviour in the Classroom

David was an approved electrician for over twenty five years and had worked as a foreman for three different companies. He was also technical support for a team of mobile repair technicians in the petro-chemical industry. He has been teaching for almost six years and was awarded a PGCE in 2009.

David teaches behaviour management to staff at Carshalton College and is currently one of the Staff Governors.

David Pridmore, - Deputy Principal, Bedford College

Study Programmes

David's profile is at the top of this page.

John Ryan – Automotive Engineering manager, CNWL

Delivering the curriculum using ILT/E

John embarked on a career in further education in 2003 when he joined Lambeth College. He had been the service manager at the Carnell Group and it was at Lambeth College that he was able to bring his over thirty years of industrial experience to bear in the development of a brand new motor cycle engineering training facility.

John soon gained Qualified Teacher Status as well as his Verifier qualifications. He was promoted to Curriculum Manager within the Faculty of Technology and given responsible for the motor cycle engineering and plumbing programmes.

In 2012 he moved to the College of North West London.

John has a keen interest in the use of ILT/VLE and uses it effectively to assist in the delivery of learning. He has also developed and commissioned his own web site.