

Midlands – NFEC Autumn 2011 Regional Seminar (Host: Walsall College)

Friday 21st October 2011, 10.15am - 15.00 (Coffee from 10am)

Venue: Walsall College, Green Lane Campus, Long Acre Street, Walsall, WS2 8HX –
See Attached Map

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Programme

1. Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar	Bob Millington (deputising for Steve Jones) and David Blest, Walsall College	10.15
2. Matters of concern relating to quality, content, structure, management and delivery of programmes of training and education in Engineering (not included on Agenda) from last Seminar e.g. Implementation of Summit Skills Programmes <i>An opportunity for open discussion with a focus to distill key issues and plans for addressing them..</i>	All Delegates/Bob Millington	10.20
3. Apprenticeships – New SASE Framework: - issues re implementation: - Overall Framework and associated regulations – e.g. relationship between NVQs and VRQs. - New Extended Diploma in Engineering. - GLHs for Extended Diploma – seems very low? - Range of VRQs - Sharing delivery strategies - Apprenticeships – How to sustain growth in this area.	Bob Millington Brian Thornton – (SEMTA West Midlands)	10.35
4. Coffee/Tea		11.45
5. EAL – Entry to Engineering	Paul Gannon EAL	12.00
6. Tour of Facilities	David Blest	12.30
Lunch & Demonstrations by Exhibitors		13.00
7. Progressing the Curriculum Development Network	Bob Millington/All	13.30
8. Strategy for HE in FE – How FE might benefit from the raising of Uni. Fees. Open discussion in preparation for National Conference presentation on HE White Paper.	Bob Millington/All	13.45
9. Qualifications and Awarding Bodies – Current developments and general issues	Paul Gannon (EAL), Bernie Fishpool (EDEXCEL), Salim Visram (C&G)	14.15
10. Plenary session – Issues to note and agreed actions for NFEC.. Curriculum Dev't Networking – how this should be handled in future.	Bob Millington	14.45
11. Date, Place and Topics for next Seminar	Bob Millington	15.00
Close		15.05

Additional Information

Entry is FREE. A light buffet lunch will be provided and you will be able to see and discuss demonstrations of the latest available equipment and facilities for the delivery of learning in engineering.

Fax back your reply now – to **0121 285 0510** - to secure your place(s)!