

# Provisional Conference Programme

## WEDNESDAY 1st April 2009

19.30 Pre-conference dinner and entertainment

## THURSDAY 2nd April

- 8.30 REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION VIEWING
- 9.30 Opening address  
Geoff Booth, Chief Executive, PACE
- 9.35 The Government's Future Plans for Education  
Speaker TBC
- 10.00 The Future of LSC Funding  
Speaker TBC  
This session will outline the latest updates on what is happening with LSC funding and will include information on funding the 14-19 diplomas. It will also cover the latest on apprenticeship funding the developing area of the Train to Gain Compact.
- 11.00 COFFEE & EXHIBITION VIEWING
- 11.30 'Tapping into other Future Funding'  
Regional Development Agency (RDA)  
Speaker TBC  
Representatives from the RDA will outline how to raise funding through the RDAS – and will give an insight into how local initiatives are driving the provision of funding and training development. This session will show, how it's not just the LSC who provide financial support for local projects - often there are focussed, local initiatives that colleges can tap into to raise finance to support specific training initiatives.
- 12.00 National Skills Academy Future Strategy and Implementation  
David McHattie, CEO, National Skills Academy  
Setting the standard to deliver training excellence.
- 12.30 Bakery - National Skills Academy Improve Update  
Jack Matthews, National Skills Academy  
Report on the progress made to date and the aims and objectives of the NSA.
- 13.00 LUNCH & EXHIBITION VIEWING
- 14.00 Future Curriculum – VRQ Practical Guide to Progress  
College Representative  
A year on:  
• Reports from providers • The lessons learned  
• Recommendations for future delivery and assessment  
• The level 3 VRQ debate • The introduction of the VRQ Food service for Sept 2009 • The proposal for a part time version of the VRQ professional cookery diploma  
• The money - where are we now
- 14.30 14-19 Diploma Update  
Jenny Burge, Specialist Schools and Academies Trust  
Jenny Burge will give an insight into the latest training opportunities for schools and colleges offering the diploma. The presentation will include the delivery and integration of PLTS, the project and embedded functional skills. Members will be able to report how progress is being made in their regions regarding delivery; schemes; assessments and collaborations with schools and employers in their region.
- 15.00 The Art of Competitions  
Speaker TBC  
A practical presentation on the value and enrichment benefits of taking part in competitions. Including seeking and attracting funding to support competition activities.
- 15.30 AFTERNOON TEA AND EXHIBITION VIEWING
- 16.00 Culinary Speaker  
Peter Gorton, Head Chef, The Horn of Plenty, Devon  
Peter Gorton, is a Fellow, and the Vice Chair of the Master Chefs of Great Britain and trained at some of the best restaurants in the UK and abroad. Peter runs cookery courses throughout the year and regularly visits local schools and colleges giving demonstrations.

17.00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PACE

19.30 Conference Dinner and PACE Awards 2009

## FRIDAY 3rd April

- 9.00 REGISTRATION & EXHIBITION VIEWING
- 9.30 Welcome
- 9.35 Olympics update 2012 – Future Opportunities for Colleges  
Donna Taylor, Head of Accommodation Strategy, LOCOG  
Donna will outline the current developments in organising this massive event. The countdown has already begun and the statistics are mind-blowing. The opportunities for colleges to get involved are immense and Donna will give an in depth view from the heart of the Olympic organiser's office of where those opportunities lie and how to take advantage of them.
- 10.35 People 1st – Future Funding Developments  
Martin Christian-Kent, Research & Policy Director, People 1st  
• A report on the latest from DIUS and DCSF - where next?  
• Curriculum development - the latest initiatives and developments  
• Apprenticeships - the development of new content  
• Input on the VRQ foodservice, the return of the gueridon and the provision of a modular curriculum to improve choice and create collaborative training initiatives with local employers.  
• Rationalising the hospitality curriculum - the latest details.
- 11.00 COFFEE & EXHIBITION VIEWING
- 11.30 The Future of Working With Local Employers  
Speaker TBC  
Industry report: the latest from the trade, and recommendations for working with your local employers.
- 11.50 Global Opportunities for Students  
Marc Verstringhe, European Catering Association  
An insight into European exchanges and possible future projects with European and global partner institutions. This session will highlight existing partners and the potential for creating and maintaining links with overseas institutions - to include competitions and work experience placement opportunities.
- 12.10 ICT - Handheld Learning:  
Mark Stimpfig, Managing Director, Connected Services Ltd  
Mark will give an insight into the latest from handheld learning technology:  
• Mobile Learning – engage learners with relevant and interactive technology using Sony PSPs  
• Capture, store, edit and deliver content for your VLE - using Sony HDXchange, a platform for broadcast content management  
• Language labs – access rich language content in audio, video and the internet using Sony Virtuoso  
• Media Studies – increase student and teacher editing and presentational skills using specialist Sony Broadcast edit suites  
• AV Products – communicate more effectively to students, staff and visitors across campus using Sony projectors, cameras, large format HD LCD's  
• Security Systems – keep your site secure and well managed using Sony cameras and specialist IP security capture  
• Video conferencing – communicate with other schools, access students outside of campus
- 12.30 Developing employer links, partnerships & work experience  
Speaker TBC, British Hospitality Association  
This presentation will look at how schools, colleges and universities can work with the British Hospitality Association to develop employer links, partnerships and work experience activities - especially with a view to creating constructive work based assignment projects and enriching course delivery.
- 12.55 Conference Close  
Geoff Booth, Chief Executive, PACE
- 13.00 Lunch & depart

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