

Professor Lyn Tett Masterclass

Student centred assessment and accreditation in adult literacies

The masterclass offered by Lyn focused on two research projects funded by the Scottish Government (Learning Connections) that investigated tutors' attitudes and approaches to assessment and accreditation in adult literacies. It considered some of the advantages and challenges posed by an approach to assessment and accreditation based on 'distance travelled' by individual learners and provide examples of innovative practice. Lyn also discussed the role of accreditation for adults who have 'spiky profiles' whereby they can have good abilities in areas in which they are interested and low abilities in other areas. It highlighted some of the perceived barriers to accreditation from tutors and from learners, often based on earlier negative experiences of school, and how these might be overcome. Finally it was considered how SQA might use experience from assessment in adult learning to shape thinking on the review of their qualifications within Curriculum for Excellence.



Biography

Lyn Tett is Professor of Community Education and Lifelong Learning in the Moray House School of Education at the University of Edinburgh. Her research interests lie within the broad area of community education and lifelong learning and has involved an investigation of the factors such as class, gender, disability that lead to the exclusion of adults from post-compulsory education and of the action that might be taken to promote social inclusion.

Lyn studied psychology at the Open University part time and then worked as an adult education development officer for Argyll and Bute Council's community education service for ten years. After that she moved to Edinburgh to become the deputy director of the Scottish Community Education Council responsible for training and adult education for five years and then joined Moray House Institute of Education as the director of Community Education in 1992. During this time Lyn also part-time for an MSc in Community Education. She became Professor of Community Education and Lifelong Learning in 2002. Lyn is the Course Organiser for a number of courses in the Community Education BA and MSc Programmes and is also active in the profession of Community Education and is a member of the Standards Council for Community Learning and Development.

Publications

Her most recent books include

Community Education, Lifelong Learning and Social Inclusion, 2nd Edition (2006),
Dunedin Academic Press

Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Language: Policy, Practice and Research (2006),
Open University Press, edited with Mary Hamilton and Yvonne Hillier.