

Professor Jim Gallacher Masterclass

The seminar reported on the findings of a comparative study of Higher National Certificates/Diplomas (HNC/Ds) in Scotland and Foundation Degrees in England undertaken jointly by the Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning (CRLL) based at Glasgow Caledonian University and the Open University. The study which was funded by the Scottish Qualifications Authority (SQA), Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE), Universities UK and the Sector Skills Development Agency (SSDA) had as its main purpose the examination of some of the main policy drivers which have led to differences, and the consequences for the differences in provision which are now emerging.



Biography

Jim is Emeritus Professor of Lifelong Learning, Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning, Glasgow Caledonian University and is Honorary Professor in the University of Stirling and UHI Millennium Institute. Jim is a member of the Scottish Funding Council for Further and Higher Education, where he chairs the Access and Inclusion Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Management of Glasgow College of Nautical Studies, and a member of the Shadow Board for New College Glasgow. He was an adviser to the Scottish Parliament's Enterprise and Lifelong Learning Committee for their Inquiry into Lifelong Learning.

Research Interests

Recent and current research interests include widening access to further and higher education; links between further and higher education; work related higher education; work-based learning; and credit and qualifications frameworks. He has managed a wide range of research projects on these topics, and published numerous articles, reports and books on the basis of this work.

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