

SEDA/AISHE Spring Conference 2005

Inspiring Learning: Diversity and Excellence

Thursday 12th – Friday 13th May 2005
Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast



Conference Themes

In any lecturing, teaching, training or facilitating we do, our ultimate aim is to inspire learning. The focus of the SEDA/AISHE Spring Conference is on what this entails.

- Inspiring and motivating effective learning
- Inspiring diverse learners: institutions, staff and students as learners, developing learning communities
- Supporting diverse approaches to delivering excellence
- Inspirational e-learning, curriculum design, assessment, and learning and teaching methods
- Exploration of the possible tensions between excellence and diversity

The Conference

The format of the conference will comprise keynote address, parallel sessions of workshops and discussion papers. The aim, as ever, will be to share practice, research, evaluation and experience in all aspects of staff and educational development in an open and constructive atmosphere.

We have received the following comments from previous participants:

“...a most enjoyable conference”

“I found the whole conference experience very positive...gave me the opportunity to hear some very interesting presentations”

“...the atmosphere throughout was so welcoming and supportive”

“...a wonderful experience...I met some great contacts”

Participants

The conference will be of particular interest to all those involved in the inspiration of learning and various initiatives to promote or disseminate excellence in HE provision [in HE or FE], in fact, anyone who has a commitment to enhancing the quality of Higher Education. This includes:

- Lecturers and teachers in further and higher education
- National and institutional teaching fellows
- Higher Education Academy staff, Centre for Excellence and FDTL staff
- Project workers in Widening Participation, Partnerships for Progression, Employability, Action on Access, etc.
- Educational and staff developers and educational technologists
- Managers of academic departments and policy makers

Conference Venue

The conference is to be held at the Wellington Park Hotel, Belfast, with additional accommodation at the Malone Lodge. All bedrooms in both hotels are en-suite.

The conference dinner will be held in the Great Hall of Queen's University.

SEDA has arranged for additional Bed + Breakfast accommodation to be available at reduced rates, should speakers and delegates wish to stay on after the conference. **Please Note: Whilst SEDA will arrange to hold the room for you, payment for any additional accommodation will be settled by delegates direct with the hotel on departure.**

Friday only: £65.00 single / £40.00 per person sharing twin

Friday+Saturday 2 night break: £125.00 single / £75.00 per person sharing
(includes 2 nights accommodation and one dinner in Piper Bistro)

Registration

Following confirmation of your registration, delegates will be asked to forward electronically their choices of workshop and discussion paper sessions to enable us to allocate rooms according to demand. Details of all sessions can be accessed on the SEDA website from mid-March



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Registration Form for delegates and presenters

Name (as it should appear on the conference badge):

Job Title:.....

Institution:

Address for correspondence:.....

.....Postcode:

Tel: Email:

Special Requirements (e.g.Dietary/Disabled Access):

In accordance with the 1998 Data Protection Act, we require consent to include your contact details on the delegate list and to store this information electronically. Please tick the following statements if applicable:

I do not wish my e-mail address to be featured on the attendance list distributed to all delegates at this event

I do not wish the information I have supplied on this form to be stored in an electronic format by SEDA

Booking Requirements:

1. Additional Overnight Accommodation: £99
Bed + Breakfast for the night of the 11th May Yes / No

2. Full Resident Delegate: £390
Thursday 12th - Friday 13th May
With all accommodation, meals, refreshments and handbook included Yes / No

3. Non residential Day only Delegate: £125 (per day)
Thursday 12th lunch and refreshments only Yes / No
Friday 13th lunch and refreshments only Yes / No
Dinner Thursday 12th £45 Yes / No

I enclose a cheque for £..... (Please make cheques payable to "SEDA" in £s sterling drawn on a British bank.)

Please invoice my organisation for £..... The Official Order number is (if possible):

Invoice address (if different from above):

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.....Postcode:

SEDA/AISHE are planning activities for Friday evening/Saturday for those wishing to stay on in Belfast after the conference. Please circle/underline the one(s) that would most interest you:

Friday evening: Bus Tour of Belfast+murals

Saturday: Half-day trip to Ulster Folk Museum / Full day trip to Giant's Causeway+Bushmills Distillery

Please note: You will be able to book and pay for these activities on your arrival at the Conference.

Do you want additional Bed + Breakfast accommodation? (please tick) Friday 13th May Saturday 14th May

Please return completed forms to the address below NO LATER than: 15th APRIL 2005

Please note:

- Any bookings received after 15th April will incur the following administration fees:
Full conference - 10% of fee Day delegate - 20% of fee
- Cancellations received in writing before 15th April 2005 will incur a £70 administration fee.
- No refunds will be given for cancellations received after 15th April 2005 and full payment will still be required.

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