



**Universities
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for Lifelong
Learning**

The Universities Association for Lifelong Learning promotes higher education policy and practice in part-time and lifelong learning in the higher education sector. It represents the interests of both the UK and of the four nations: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. UALL acts as a forum for the exchange of ideas and good practice, lifelong learning research, and as a consultative body for the formulation of policy.

UALL Members' Bulletin

July 2017

In the Bulletin we aim to give you a regular update on what has been happening in the world of higher education lifelong learning as reported by the press, Government and public bodies, individuals, as well as items relating to UALL member institutions. We also aim to alert you to a selection of forthcoming events and policy matters. The Bulletin is one of UALL's services to its members, and feedback from readers indicates it is widely read and circulated to staff of our member universities and colleges.

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2018 UALL Annual Conference – *Call or Papers*
Downing College, Cambridge
Opportunities for lifelong learning in a changing world
21 to 23 March

We are pleased to announce that our 2018 Annual Conference will be taking place at Downing College, Cambridge between 21 and 23 March 2018 – please see the Conference flyer at:

The Conference will start on the Wednesday evening with an informal buffet at which we welcome all our delegates, international members and guests to Cambridge. This will be followed by two days conference and will finish on Friday with lunch. The Drinks Reception and Conference Dinner will be held on the Thursday evening in the Great Hall at Downing College. The UALL 2018 Awards ceremony will take place at the Dinner.

Call for Papers and Proposals

The UALL Conference has a reputation for offering opportunities for practitioners and researchers to present their work to the academic community. Proposals are invited on any of the strands of the conference theme. They may describe and discuss innovative developments and practice, and/or empirical or theoretical research. You are encouraged to take into account your own working context when submitting your proposals. Proposals are welcome from those working in different countries and learning contexts. Please send your proposal of no more than 300 words by **30 November 2017** to: admin@uall.ac.uk

Presenters will have the opportunity to submit full papers for consideration for publication. A selection of the Conference papers will be published in a special issue of the international journal *Widening Participation and Lifelong Learning* (Open University). If your proposal is accepted, and if you wish to be considered for publication, you will be asked to provide a working draft of your paper by 16 March 2018.

The Conference flyer and further details about the Annual Conference can be found at: <https://www.uall.ac.uk/uall-2018-annual-conference>

For all regular updated information about UALL, please visit: www.uall.ac.uk

General news

4 July 2017 - New students 'unprepared for university'

Young people heading for university need much better preparation for what they can expect, according to a study by the Higher Education Policy Institute.

<http://bbc.in/2tErWjP>

6 July 2017 - Oxford tribunal rules against compulsory retirement rule

Reinstatement of professor over age discrimination must force rethink over 'unfair' retirement rules, say campaigners

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/oxford-tribunal-rules-against-compulsory-retirement-rule>

7 July 2017 - University tells entire professoriate to reapply for their jobs

Senior academics at Teesside University put at risk of redundancy as summer break gets under way

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/university-tells-entire-professoriate-reapply-their-jobs>

11 July 2017 - Mental health issues prompt growing student demand for extra time in exams

The number of university students demanding extra time in exams due to mental health problems has surged in recent years, new figures show.

<http://bit.ly/2uM9qnd>

13 July 2017 - Google pays academics millions for key support

A watchdog identified 329 pieces of research at British and American universities funded directly or indirectly by Google since 2005 in key public policy areas.

<http://bit.ly/2t67ljw>

18 July 2017 - Did students vote twice for Corbyn? Watchdog demands urgent action on suspected voter fraud

Britain's election watchdog last night raised "troubling" concerns that some younger voters may have cast more than one ballot at the general election.

<http://bit.ly/2uuxzBs>

19 July 2017 - Credibility of UK's teaching fellowship process under scrutiny

Scholar claims she was pressured to sign up to Higher Education Academy and did so without correct documents

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/credibility-uks-teaching-fellowship-process-under-scrutiny>

19 July 2017 - Teesside's 'ignorant' audit of professors under international fire

University attacked by 750 academics for forcing entire professoriate to reapply for jobs

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/teessides-ignorant-audit-professors-under-international-fire>

24 July 2017 - Oxford in fake awards farce

The University of Oxford's academic reputation is being exploited by Ukrainian businessmen selling millions of pounds worth of fake awards and honours.

<http://bit.ly/2tDcXre>

26 July 2017 - UK university pension scheme deficit widens to £12.6 billion

Drastic action required to fix multi-billion pound shortfall in Universities Superannuation Scheme, expert warns

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/uk-university-pension-scheme-deficit-widens-12-billion>

27 July 2017 - Universities fear being shut out of EU innovation push

European Innovation Council mission to create 'unicorns' may deprive academics of funding, critics warn

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/universities-fear-being-shut-out-of-eu-innovation-push>

UK government and higher education

Michael Gove mounts defence of university tuition fees

Environment secretary says it is fair for graduates to 'pay something back', after Damian Green's call for debate on issue (3 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2siCtx8>

Government plays down prospect of tuition fees rethink in England

Senior minister said that there may need to be a 'national debate' about student debt (3 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/government-plays-down-prospect-tuition-fees-rethink-england>

Corbyn and Greening clash on skills gap

Jeremy Corbyn has called for a major investment in skills to tackle a "lost decade" in which there had been an "explosion" of low-paid, insecure jobs (6 July 2017).

<http://bbc.in/2tTabwO>

Government to spend £10m to recruit 600 foreign teachers

The Government plans to spend £10 million on hiring 600 foreign teachers as it launches one of the biggest ever overseas recruitment campaigns (17 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2tiy55X>

Jo Johnson: student contracts could include 'legal remedies'

Minister also warns Labour plan to abolish fees would mean 'Reservoir Dogs ending' for universities (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/jo-johnson-student-contracts-could-include-legal-remedies>

Jo Johnson to announce v-c pay curbs, TEF changes

Universities minister plans tougher protection for students, subject TEF pilot and graduate earnings link (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/jo-johnson-announce-v-c-pay-curbs-tef-changes>

University contracts could help students sue if tuition is poor

Minister Jo Johnson proposes legal 'consumer' protection (20 July 2017).

Guardian <http://bit.ly/2uh7OSH>

Mail <http://dailym.ai/2vqBahy>

Teaching Excellence Framework

Imperial vice-provost: TEF a 'godsend' for university teaching

Simone Buitendijk says exercise forced leaders of research-intensive institutions to focus on education 'for the first time' (1 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/imperial-vice-provost-tef-godsend-university-teaching>

Social class and the TEF: a full picture of participation?

A look at the split metrics suggests that some universities may have benefited from having a more advantaged student cohort (5 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/social-class-and-tef-full-picture-participation>

Global Teaching Excellence Award: 27 universities on shortlist

UK institutions make up more than half the finalists for inaugural HEA/*THE* prize (13 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/global-teaching-excellence-award-27-universities-shortlist>

Russell Group: 'simplistic' TEF could hit overseas recruitment

A quarter of international students believe bronze award signals poor teaching, Hobsons survey finds (19 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/russell-group-simplistic-tef-could-hit-overseas-recruitment>

Subject-level TEF 'may mislead students'

Bundling of subjects under pilot for future phase of teaching excellence framework may ignore diversity and complexity of many disciplines, says engineering body (27 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/subject-level-tef-may-mislead-students>

Post/graduates and employment

Graduate salary cap may rise, say ministers

The £21,000 graduate salary cap which triggers student loan repayments could be raised after it emerged ministers are looking at making the system fairer (10 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2tFfPk1>

How big is England's North-South divide in graduate salaries?

Plan to include LEO graduate earnings in TEF raises issue of regional pay differences (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/data-bites/how-big-englands-north-south-divide-graduate-salaries>

Graduates face 'midlife tax crisis' on loans

London Economics shows how less well-off graduates will repay more than higher-earning peers (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/graduates-face-midlife-tax-crisis-loans>

Brexit

First UK-EU branch campus post-Brexit under consideration

King's College London and TU Dresden 'Transcampus' aims to strengthen ties between UK and Germany (6 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/first-uk-eu-branch-campus-post-brexit-under-consideration>

Cambridge plans postgraduate growth to counter financial worries

University cites Brexit as factor causing financial uncertainty – but also as recruitment 'opportunity' (12 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/cambridge-plans-postgraduate-growth-counter-financial-worries>

Brexit department lacks scientific adviser as talks get under way

UK government 'negligent' to begin negotiations to leave EU without key role being filled, campaigners say (18 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/brexit-department-lacks-scientific-adviser-as-talks-get-under-way>

Brexit: UK-EU freedom of movement 'to end in March 2019'

A new immigration system will be in place by March 2019 when the free movement of people between the EU and the UK ends, a minister has said (27 July 2017).

<http://bbc.in/2ePw1vI>

UK university admissions and applications

UK university applications fall by 4%, UCAS figures show

The number of people applying for UK university places has fallen by more than 25,000 (4%) on last year, data from the admissions service UCAS shows (13 July 2017).

<http://bbc.in/2ulQsqB>

Applications to UK universities down 4 per cent, says UCAS

EU applications drop 5 per cent post-Brexit, as numbers of mature and nursing applicants also decline (13 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/applications-uk-universities-down-4-cent-says-ucas>

Call to end 'segregation' with mixed-ability universities in UK

Middlesex v-c proposes 'comprehensive element' and end to 'hyper-selective' admissions in Hepi paper (21 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/call-to-end-segregation-with-mixed-ability-universities-uk>

Statistics and surveys

Most talented students 'don't work as hard as other learners'

German analysis finds that undergraduates with the highest ability put in the fewest hours (3 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/most-talented-students-dont-work-hard-other-learners>

University applicants 'expect more contact hours than at school'

Unrealistic expectations of would-be students revealed by major survey (4 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/university-applicants-expect-more-contact-hours-school>

Marking exams? When it comes to workload, less can mean more

Academics who take regular breaks from assessment will get more done than those who toil away for 10 hours straight, study says (5 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/marking-exams-when-it-comes-workload-less-can-mean-more>

Market competition and mass participation 'reduces diversity'

Expanding university enrolment across the world has resulted in universities 'imitating each other', says leading scholar (11 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/market-competition-and-mass-participation-reduces-diversity>

One in five alternative providers seeking degree-awarding powers

Independent Higher Education survey indicates that new providers will look to compete with established universities in future (13 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/one-in-five-alternative-providers-seeking-degree-awarding-powers>

University first-class degrees soaring

The proportion of top degree grades being awarded by UK universities has soared - with some universities giving first-class degrees to more than a third of their students (20 July 2017).

<http://bbc.in/2uM27PS>

Sharp increase in first-class degrees triggers standards debate

New analysis of HESA data shows that at least a quarter of students get a first at a third of UK universities (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/sharp-increase-first-class-degrees-triggers-standards-debate>

Students avoid 'different' classmates for group discussions

Research finds undergraduates 'self-sort' by gender and ethnicity for group work (23 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/students-avoid-different-classmates-for-group-discussions>

Official estimates of international students in UK 'potentially misleading'

Research by government's statistics watchdog casts doubt on supposed high level of students overstaying their visas (28 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2vdAEa5>

Widening participation/access and drop-out rates

Tackling university drop-out rate 'is vital'

The national drop-out rate rose from 6.6% in 2011-12 to 7.4% in 2014-15, a Social Market Foundation report finds (19 July 2017).

<http://bbc.in/2tFFSpX>

Black students '50 per cent more likely to drop out'

Higher proportion of black students in London may contribute to capital's higher dropout rates, says SMF (19 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/black-students-50-cent-more-likely-drop-out>

Birmingham universities work together to widen access

Students from University College Birmingham-validated foundation degrees will be eligible to enrol on University of Birmingham degrees with advanced standing (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/birmingham-universities-work-together-to-widen-access>

Student fees/debt

Poorest students will finish university with £57,000 debt, says IFS

The Institute of Fiscal Studies says replacing maintenance grants in England hits students from lower-income households hardest (5 July 2017).

Guardian <http://bit.ly/2torwLN>

Times <http://bit.ly/2tL8u4O>

Corbyn: fear of graduate debt will lead to 'shortage' of students

Poorer teenagers in England will shun university because they 'cannot access Bank of Mum and Dad', Labour leader warns (6 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/corbyn-fear-graduate-debt-will-lead-shortage-students>

Grace is 25. Her student debt: £69,000

A feature on graduate debt, tuition fees and maintenance loans (11 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2u8vRFi>

Justine Greening: Labour's free tuition plan 'threat to access'

Education secretary warns against following Scotland's no-fees policy in England (13 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/justine-greening-labours-free-tuition-plan-threat-access>

THE survey: one in three English v-cs backs Labour plan to scrap fees

Half of university leaders surveyed say £9,000 system is unsustainable, showing widespread desire for major reform (13 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/survey-one-in-three-english-v-cs-backs-labour-plan-scrap-fees>

Student Loans Company chief suspended pending investigation

The head of the Student Loans Company – which administers the government's burgeoning portfolio of tuition fees and maintenance loans – has been suspended pending an investigation, the company has confirmed (14 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2uZ9X5z>

McDonnell: wiping out student loans is 'an ambition' for Labour

John McDonnell has insisted Labour has a 'real ambition' to write off £100billion of student debt as well as abolishing fees (17 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2u13PcM>

Russell Group urges rethink on student loan interest rate

Body representing UK's elite universities says new 6.1% rate is 'very high' and out of touch with commercial lending (19 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2tFkH7c>

Generational and class gaps in attitudes on fees, polling finds

Tuition fees rank marginally above animal rights on list of voting priorities – but young people assign higher importance (20 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/generational-and-class-gaps-in-attitudes-on-fees-polling-finds>

Jeremy Corbyn denies promising to wipe graduates' student debts

Labour leader said before election he would 'deal with' debts, but now says that was not a commitment to write them off (23 July 2017).

<https://www.theguardian.com/education/2017/jul/23/jeremy-corbyn-denies-promising-to-wipe-student-debts>

Student denied loan because namesake from same area already applied for one

A student has been denied a loan because someone with the same name, birthday and born in the same area has already applied for one (26 July 2017).

<http://bit.ly/2tYOpWS>

Research and science

Commission report calls on EU to double research spending

Major study on successor to Horizon 2020 also suggests including Canada and Australia in European programmes (3 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/commission-report-calls-eu-double-research-spending>

Integrating disciplines 'key to dealing with digital revolution'

University reform urgently needed to capitalise on fourth industrial revolution, says KAIST head (4 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/integrating-disciplines-key-dealing-digital-revolution>

UK announces £100 million fund to attract foreign researchers

Jo Johnson outlines UK ambition to be 'go-to country' for innovation and discovery, even after Brexit (4 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/uk-announces-ps100-million-fund-attract-foreign-researchers>

Academics 'often don't trust other researchers' data'

Task force established by government to explore UK open-data landscape calls for greater efforts to ensure data quality (10 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/academics-often-dont-trust-other-researchers-data>

Study confirms physical proximity drives research collaboration

Academics base conclusions on a decade of MIT publications and patents (14 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/study-confirms-physical-proximity-drives-research-collaboration>

Chi Onwurah: research funding in regions could 'rebalance economy'

Shadow science minister acknowledges challenge of combining excellence with 'place' in supporting R&D (22 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/chi-onwurah-research-funding-regions-could-rebalance-economy>

Protecting EU links 'very high priority' for UK research chief

Sir Mark Walport acknowledges 'challenge' of UK's departure from European Union as sector anxiety grows (27 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/protecting-eu-links-very-high-priority-for-uk-research-chief>

International news and overseas students

US scientists take on Trump at the ballot box

Academics standing for election aim to stand up for evidence-based policymaking (3 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/us-scientists-take-trump-ballot-box>

THE Asia-Pacific University Rankings 2017: backyard bonanza for Oz

Building ties with academics and students across Asia, and China in particular, is paying off for Australia's universities. Jack Grove reports (4 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings/asia-pacific-university-rankings-2017-backyard-bonanza-for-oz>

Merkel's party pledges to push Germany into R&D spending lead

CDU wants country to invest 3.5 per cent of GDP in research and development – more than twice that of UK (6 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/merkels-party-pledges-push-germany-rd-spending-lead>

International students less likely to accept offers in Trump's US

Forty-eight per cent of universities report drop in overseas undergraduate 'yield', following election of divisive president (6 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/international-students-less-likely-accept-offers-trumps-us>

Would 'white working-class studies' help scholars fathom Trump?

Law professor says universities struggle to understand the majority of the population who do not have degrees (8 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/would-white-working-class-studies-help-scholars-fathom-trump>

UK foreign aid budget 'should fund university scholarships'

Thinktank recommends new scheme to increase inward and outward student mobility and boost UK's soft power (12 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/uk-foreign-aid-budget-should-fund-university-scholarships>

As Western boycotts continue, Israeli universities look to Asia

First Israeli university in China welcomes students this summer (12 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/as-western-boycotts-continue-israeli-universities-look-to-asia>

Watchdog slams Home Office after it emerges it has lost track of 16,000 foreign students who have gone missing in Britain

The Home Office has lost track of thousands of overseas students who have been reported to them for failing to turn up to studies or for leaving colleges (14 July 2017).

Mail <http://dailym.ai/2tmzsvC>

Australian universities 'must be central to regional growth'

Sector leader says the UK can offer insights into higher education's role in regional growth strategies (15 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/australian-universities-must-be-central-regional-growth>

Challenge and opportunity in Canada's international student boom

Funding restraints mean that hype about double-digit rises in applications may not immediately translate into huge increases in enrolment (17 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/challenge-and-opportunity-in-canadas-international-student-boom>

Dozens of scholars arrested and 300 sacked in Turkey purge

'Staggering' scale of persecution of Turkish academia condemned by scholars' group (21 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/dozens-scholars-arrested-and-300-sacked-turkey-purge>

Contraction of US higher education sector accelerates

Number of universities eligible to award federal financial aid down 5.6 per cent year-on-year (24 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/contraction-us-higher-education-sector-accelerates>

Australia: minister attacks 'alarmist' opposition to HE reforms

Simon Birmingham claims that universities can achieve 'economies of scale' to deal with funding cuts (26 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/australia-minister-attacks-alarmist-opposition-he-reforms>

Trump's historically black colleges initiative runs into trouble

US president struggling to find executive director for scheme, according to reports (26 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/trumps-historically-black-colleges-initiative-runs-trouble>

Russia presses ahead with thousands of science job cuts

Forty per cent of state-funded student places to be axed also (26 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/russia-presses-ahead-thousands-science-job-cuts>

Appointments

Nicola Dandridge to be CEO of England's Office for Students

Experienced sector figure to leave UUK post in September for powerful new regulator (5 July 2017).

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/nicola-dandridge-be-ceo-englands-office-students>

Also:

Nicola Dandridge named as first Chief Executive designate of the Office for Students

HEFCE has welcomed the appointment of Nicola Dandridge as Chief Executive designate of the Office for Students, the new regulatory body for the higher education sector.

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2017/Name,114645.en.html>

Subra Suresh named as next Nanyang Technological University head

The former president of Carnegie Mellon University will lead the Singaporean institution from 2018

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/news/subra-suresh-named-next-nanyang-technological-university-head>

Funding councils

A ENGLAND & NORTHERN IRELAND Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE)

News

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<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2017/Name,114645,en.html>

REF Main Panel Chairs announced

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2017/Name,114700,en.html>

Nine university and business research projects awarded funding totalling £177 million

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2017/Name,114672,en.html>

Additional £40 million for HEIF in support of the Industrial Strategy

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2017/Name,114709,en.html>

HEFCE to run pilots of Teaching Excellence Framework assessments at subject level

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/news/newsarchive/2017/Name,114768,en.html>

Publications

Circular letter 24/2017 Catalyst Fund: Call for bids – closing the skills gap and supporting the Industrial Strategy through curriculum development

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/CL,242017/>

Independent research Evaluation of HEFCE's learning gain pilot projects: Year 1 report

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/rereports/year/2017/lgeval/>

Circular letter 23/2017 Birthday 2018 Honours nominations

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/CL,232017/>

Circular letter 25/2017 Higher Education Innovation Fund: Additional funding for knowledge exchange to deliver the Industrial Strategy

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/year/2017/CL,252017/>

Circular letter 26/2017 Notification of planned changes to HESES and HEIFES for 2017-18

<http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/Year/2017/CL,262017/>

B SCOTLAND

Scottish Funding Council (SFC)

SFC guidance to higher education institutions on quality from August 2017-2022

The purpose of this guidance is to inform Scotland's higher education institutions and other stakeholders of the Council's guidance on quality from August 2017-2022.

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications>

Fee anomalies grant for universities in academic year 2017-18

The purpose of this announcement is to describe how the fee anomalies grant will operate in academic year 2017-18.

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications>

Official Development Assistance research allocations for 2017-18: Global Challenges Research Fund

Announcement of Official Development Assistance Global Challenges Research Fund allocations for FY 2017-18.

<http://www.sfc.ac.uk/sectorcommunications>

C WALES

Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW)

Accounts Direction to Higher Education Institutions for 2016-17

This circular provides information on the HEFCW's requirements for the format of Welsh higher education institutions' audited financial statements

http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2017/W17%2018HE%20Accounts%20Direction%20to%20Higher%20Education%20Institutions%20for%202016-17.pdf

Revised Student Charter Guidance

This circular provides the outcomes of circular W17/02HE, which consulted on revised guidance for Student Charters. It applies to all regulated and funded institutions. It also attaches the updated guidance.

http://www.hefcw.ac.uk/documents/publications/circulars/circulars_2017/W17%2019HE%20Revised%20student%20charter%20guidance.pdf

Publications

International Journal of Lifelong Education

[International Journal of Lifelong Education, Volume 36, Issue 1-2, January/February - March/April 2017](#) is now available online on [Taylor & Francis Online](#).

The Learning Adult: Building and Reflecting on the Work of Peter Jarvis

<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/tled20/36/1-2>

**Student Voices on Inequalities in European Higher Education
Challenges for theory, policy and practice in a time of change**

Edited by **Fergal Finnegan, Barbara Merrill and Camilla Thunborg** - London, Routledge

This book focuses on the voices and experiences of non-traditional students in European higher education. It examines the impact that access to higher education is having on these students' lives and discusses what this tells us about European education and society.

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415826891/>

Men Learning through Life

Edited by **Barry Golding, Rob Mark and Annette Foley**

Due: February 2014

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