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Access to Learning for Development

The Fifth Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning
13-17 July 2008 at the University of London

Organised by the Commonwealth of Learning and the University of London

developing people geographical

distance tutoring MDGs

m-learning developing and

implementing strategy cultural

distance HIV village enterprise

flexible provision

organisational development and

leadership open source

guidance child carers borderless

provision innovation

livelihoods temporal distance

quality assurance appropriate

technologies pastoral care

supporting large numbers

Open learning networks

corporate provision library provision

learner support collaboration

APEL quality of life

social justice resources

professional education

research into practice home

education scalability health

agriculture sharing materials

policy development

social distance open schooling

asylum seekers refugees

non-formal education

distance study community

enterprise under 30's

service provision addictions

micro-enterprise malaria

governance AIDS child-led

families work-based learning

citizenship special needs

quality enhancement informal

education apprenticeships

young people social

inclusion environmental issues

air quality youth enterprise

entrepreneurialism SIDA

life chances infectious diseases VET

mortality e-learning

gender issues engineering

home schooling mobile systems

conflict smoking

pre-school education

environmental education

assessment water quality

An international conference on learning and development

PCF5 is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Learning and hosted by the University of London. It provides opportunities to share experience and expertise and contribute to future thinking about access to learning.

The biennial forum explores the use of open and distance learning to widen educational access, bridge the digital divide and advance the social and economic development of communities and nations at large. It has grown to become a significant international gathering since its launch in Brunei in 1999. This is the first time that the forum will be held in Europe.

The focus for PCF5 in London will be on the contribution of open and distance learning to meeting development goals. There are four key themes:

1. Governance, conflict and social justice
2. Health
3. Livelihoods
4. Provision for children and young people

A forum for practitioners and policy-makers

PCF5 is an international summit for people interested in the fields of education, development and access to learning. This includes: education practitioners, teachers, lecturers, researchers, funding bodies and fundraisers, planners and policy-makers. Participants will represent the key Commonwealth, European and international institutions and agencies in the field.

Sessions will be practical and varied: presentations and talks; round table discussions; debates; workshops; demonstrations and displays; as well as formal academic papers.

The programme also has ample time for the informal discussions and networking.

A world conference in a world city

The forum will be hosted by the University of London, in Bloomsbury, an historic academic quarter centred on the British Museum.

London is a dynamic hub, and a diverse cultural metropolis, holding a unique position in the Commonwealth, Europe and the world. It is an ideal venue for an international conference of this type. Bloomsbury is a centre of arts, education and medicine, within easy reach of the main tourist and cultural attractions of the city.

Further details about the venue and accommodation can be found on the website.



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