

LEARNING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

Learning for social justice and active citizenship is the theme of the annual meeting of the Workers' Educational Association - South Wales (WEA), to be held on 27th February 2010 at the Llanhilleth Institute, Llanhilleth near Abertillery. The WEA South Wales extends a warm invitation to all concerned with social justice and active citizenship to join them in the morning when guest speakers include Professor Marjorie Mayo of Goldsmiths College, University of London and Dr Victoria Winckler, Director of the Bevan Foundation, and Professor Teresa Rees. Professor Rees was a member of the Inquiry into the Future of Lifelong Learning, established by the National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education, which has led to calls for a rethink of the way Government, employers and individuals spend an estimated £55 billion every year on lifelong learning to ensure a genuine learning society with entitlements to broad education and training throughout life in the UK.

For more than one hundred years the WEA has been committed to tackling educational inequality and promoting education for democracy. Maggi Dawson, General Secretary of the Association in South Wales said: "We are delighted that Marjorie Mayo has agreed to speak at our AGM. She has an international reputation for her work in community development and adult education, and recently evaluated the England's Active Learning for Active Citizenship pilot scheme. In Wales the skills agenda is being prioritized by Government to such an extent that there is little or no funding for other aspects of adult learning. This event is an opportunity to learn from what is happening elsewhere and to make the case for funding for similar activity in Wales."

Also speaking at the conference is Colin Barnes, President of WEA England and Scotland, and Trish land, manager of the Family Learning Project, WEA Yorkshire and Humberside.

For those wishing to attend this event, please contact the WEA South Wales by telephone on 029 20 235277 or by e-mail, c.dawkes@swales.wea.org.uk. Event information can also be found at the WEA South Wales website, www.swales.wea.org.uk.

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Note to Editors:

- The (WEA) is a voluntary movement for lifelong learning whose objective is the creation of an educated democracy in which participation in public affairs, and the knowledge that it requires, are widely spread throughout the community.
- The WEA (South Wales) is democratically accountable to its members and federated educational and workers organisations. It is inclusive, unsectarian and non party political, and wholly concerned with promoting lifelong learning in south Wales.

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