



Powerful Literacies

Award Bearing Course

New literacies practices are emerging as communication and information technologies pervade all aspects of contemporary society. This innovative postgraduate course will explore the nature of literacies in a digital age and consider the implications of working within the changing communication landscape for professionals in a range of contexts. The course will enable participants to engage with current debates about literacies and learning and understand alternative conceptions of knowledge, work and education.

The learning process

The course will provide an opportunity to become part of an online learning community, which will investigate how technological developments are creating new spaces for communication and learning. Through a series of collaborative investigative activities, the course group will examine critically the interaction between culture, media, and literacies and enquire into the impact digital technologies are having, and might have, in their field.

Participation in the course could be a good way to de-mystify or to build on your knowledge of online communication and learning. The learning and assessment processes of the course are designed to provide opportunities for experimenting with a variety of technologies for learning and development. We hope the experience of being part of the online learning community will suggest strategies for using new technologies, which you might exploit in your own professional contexts in the future.



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Who is the course intended for?

It will be suitable for professionals who wish to practice at the cutting edge of their profession, developing their use of new technologies to support learning and development. It will be of interest to those working in youth work, adult literacies, adult learning and community development as well as those in other sectors of education.

The importance of the online learning community will require students to have access to either work based or home based computing/internet facilities. Applicants will hold a degree or equivalent. They must have a current professional context in which to ground their study.

Course Credits and Further Study

Powerful Literacies is a 30 credit course at SCQF level 11. It is suitable as a one-off CPD experience for experienced professionals seeking to develop their practice. However, opportunities exist to extend study beyond this course to achieve a postgraduate certificate, diploma or degree. The course is part of a programme leading to an M Ed in Adult Literacies Development. It may also contribute to a number of other Masters Programmes offered by the School of Education.

Duration

The course will be a fully online experience between February and July 2010. Regular participation in the online group is mandatory. The demands of the course take into account that some participants will be working full time.

Cost (correct at time of printing)

£700 It may be possible to use an ILA as part payment of the course fee.

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Please note application forms should be submitted by 15th January 2010.

More information about our courses and application forms can be found at
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