

Improving outcomes with less funding

This year's Capita **FHE National Conference 2011** comes at a particularly challenging time. To understand the challenges, we've lined up a range of influential speakers who are ready to share their insight.

Day 1: morning

09:30 - 10:15	Registration, exhibition and refreshments
10:15 - 10:30	Welcome and opening address Chris Cooper, fhe director, Capita
10:30 - 11:00	<p>The UK Economy and the impact for Further Education Ian Nash creator of TES's FE Focus</p> <p>With 25% cuts in Further Education and 40% cuts in Higher Education, removal of EMA, and an increase in tuitions fees, there is plenty to report on in the news. Ian's presentation will look at the impact on Further Education; reflect on the parallels to the 1980/90's and how we might learn lessons from the past.</p>
11:00 - 11:30	<p>Funding challenges for Further Education in an age of austerity Nick Linford, Lsect</p> <p>Passionate about the contribution that the post-16 learning and skills sector makes to people's lives and the UK economy. Since 2006, Nick has been playing a leading role in capacity building on the use of funding, performance, data quality, and curriculum planning in the learning and skills sector. Nick will look at the real challenges colleges will face as a consequence of the recent decisions that have been made for funding the sector.</p>
11:30 - 12:00	Exhibition and refreshments
12:00 - 12:30	<p>Managing a college efficiently and effectively Vici Cadwallader-Webb, Tenon</p> <p>Leading Tenon's Funding and Performance team and a member of the Learning and Skills Council's Funding Group. Vici's in-depth knowledge of the funding methodology is remarkable, she understands how colleges work and where the inefficiencies are often located.</p> <p>Vici will consider how colleges can become leaner and possibly meaner in order to survive in the current climate.</p>
12:30 - 13:00	<p>Strategic approaches for Further Education Speaker to be announced</p> <p>With Train to Gain scrapped, apprenticeships on the rise and major funding reform across the board colleges need to review their strategies in often fundamental ways. This session will look at some of the considerations that will need to be faced in order to ensure colleges survive and the quality of their service is not compromised.</p>

13:00 - 14:00	Lunch and exhibition		
14:00 - 14:30	<p>Panel session: Getting more from less, can it be done? Chaired by Rob Elliott, Capita</p> <p>Ian Nash, John Bolt, Vici Cadwallader-Webb, YPLA</p>		
14:30 - 15:30	<p>To be announced</p>	<p>Shared Services, Outsourcing or 'Doing a Deal' Rob Clark, Capita</p> <p>What are the opportunities for sharing of services between colleges? Does outsourcing offer real cost savings? Are the definitions less important than getting the right deal for your college?</p> <p>Rob will review the various ways in which colleges are looking at running back-office services and considers how Capita can help your organisation.</p>	<p>Business Manager Brian Mann and Ben Daniels, Capita</p> <p>More than ever ensuring that you have accurate curriculum planning tools and funding forecasts is critical. Brian and Ben will demonstrate how UNIT-e can help.</p>
15:30 - 16:00	Exhibition and refreshments		
16:00 - 17:00	<p>Young Persons Learning Agency Colin Stronock and Elisabeth Baines</p> <p>The role of the Young People's Learning Agency is to support local authorities to commission suitable education and training opportunities for all 16-19 year olds in England, to fund and manage the performance of open academies and to provide direct support for learners. This session will look at this mission and how it will be achieved.</p>	<p>UNIT-e the bigger picture Maurice Down</p> <p>You may think you know what UNIT-e can do. There is a lot more to it than you think. This session will explore some of the recent developments and more importantly, what you can gain from using them proactively.</p>	<p>Key Performance Indicators (KPI)</p> <p>You can only manage what you measure. Find out about our plans to provide colleges with a new KPI solution that will help you manage your institution.</p>
17:00 - 17:15	<p>Concluding remarks and close Chris Cooper, fhe director, Capita</p>		
19:00	Drinks Reception		
20:00 - 00:00	<p>Gala Dinner and entertainment (Lounge suit, smart dress)</p>		

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09:30 - 10:00	<p align="center">FE Funding Changes John Bolt, KPMG</p> <p>With major changes to funding streams and calculations, John will draw on his extensive expertise to explain how funding will be calculated and the implications for curriculum planning for 2011/12.</p>		
10:00 - 11:00	<p align="center">FE Sector Data and Systems Peter Ashton, The information authority and Rich Williams, Data Service</p> <p>With a major rewrite of the ILR, LIS and LAD 2011 will see the most significant data collection changes since incorporation. Peter and Rich will cover the reasons for the changes and the implications for those involved in collecting and submitting data.</p>	<p align="center">Using UNIT-e VQMT and ePortfolios Rupert Ireland, Capita</p> <p>Improving back office efficiency involves refining business processes. In this session you will see real examples of how UNIT-e tools for Workflow is being implemented in institutions. Rupert will demonstrate how by combining UNIT-e tools for Workflow with SharePoint and InfoPath it is possible to quickly develop web enabled forms driven by UNIT-e data to cut down on paper intensive activity and streamline business processes.</p>	<p align="center">UNIT-e Human Resources Lorraine Swift, Shipley College, Steve Derrick and Maurice Down, Capita</p> <p>With over 60% of costs attributed to staff, ensuring you have control over staff contracts is critical. Drawing upon the experiences at Shipley College, Lorraine, Steve and Maurice will explain how UNIT-e HR can help you make the most of your most valuable assets.</p>
11:00 - 11:30	Exhibition and refreshments		
11:30 - 12:00	<p align="center">The Microsoft vision of the future for Further and Higher Education Mark Stewart, education partner manager, Microsoft</p> <p>Augmented Realities, Natural User Interfaces, Mobile Technologies..... Microsoft research continues to push the boundaries of what might be possible, this session will look at these areas of research and the application that they might have within education.</p>		
12:00 - 12:30	<p align="center">Product launch: UNIT-e Resource Manager</p> <p>This year sees the launch of the brand new UNIT-e Resource Manager solution. Now more than ever ensuring effective use of staff, rooms and equipment through well planned timetables along with ease of monitoring and analysis is essential, learn how UNIT-e will help you with this task.</p>		

<p>13:30 - 14:30</p>	<p>Exams Modernisation Andrew Thomson JCQ and Adrian Kilburn, Capita</p> <p>In 2012 the way in which examination base data is created, candidates are registered and results transferred will change radically. The changes should see major efficiency gains but will also involve a major redevelopment of exams systems. Andrew and Adrian will ensure you're up to speed with the planned changes.</p>	<p>Business Engagement and Parental Access Christophe Landuré and Maurice Down</p> <p>With government promoting 'English and Maths until you pass' along with the Wolf Report and the Budget announcing a major drive on apprenticeships, colleges more than ever need to interact with parents, sponsors and employers in professional and effective ways. This session will look at how the new Online Services for Organisations module plus existing VQMT, e-Portfolio and Employer Engagement solutions can help.</p>	<p>Resource Manager Brian Mann, Capita</p> <p>Following the launch of the new Resource Manager solution earlier today, Brian will provide some more detailed insight and show you how it will help you with your timetabling and resource utilisation.</p>
<p>14:30 - 15:30</p>	<p>UNIT-e and the Single ILR Adrian Kilburn, Capita</p> <p>With a major rewrite of the ILR, LIS and LAD 2011 will see the most significant data collection changes since incorporation. This session will cover the implications for the UNIT-e solution.</p>	<p>Electronic Document Management Alex Richards, Totton College and Christophe Landuré, Capita</p> <p>The handling of paper and free form electronic documents can be burdensome and inefficient. Drawing upon the experiences of Totton College, Alex and Christophe will explain how the scanning, storage, indexing and retrieval of documents can vastly improve security, accessibility, and business processes. Find out how combining new UNIT-e Tools and SharePoint can improve document handling processes.</p>	<p>Roadmap to the Clouds Andrew Sithers, Microsoft</p> <p>With cloud technology increasing in its prevalence this session, Keith will look at how colleges can benefit now by using Live@Edu and Office 365. It will also consider how in the future SharePoint and UNIT-e will find homes in the clouds.</p>

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