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MORLEY COLLEGE LONDON TO HOST LEADING EDUCATIONAL FIGURES IN DISCUSSION OF ADULT EDUCATION

Date: Thursday 3 May 2018

Venue: Morley College London, 61 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HT

Time: 9:30 - 16:00

Registration: £75

Morley College London is pleased to announce its first national Adult Education conference on **Thursday 3 May 2018**. The theme is "Leading Learning for Life in Changing Times - Challenges and Opportunities for the Leadership of Adult Education".

Drawing on research and leading practice to inform debate, the event will stimulate thinking about the ways in which adult education leadership can address the challenges and opportunities brought about by devolution, Brexit, and wider social, political and technological change. By creating opportunities for debate and reflection, the conference aims to contribute to adult educators' capacity to lead in complex times.

A leading line up of speakers with national reputation for leadership, research and policy in the sector include:

- Professor Martin Doel, CBE (FETL Professor of Leadership in FE and Skills, UCL Institute of Education)
- Neil Fletcher (Hon Research Associate, UCL Institute of Education)
- Dr Andrew Gower (Principal, Morley College London)
- Kathryn James (Director of Operations, Women's Leadership Network)
- Mel Lenehan (Principal, Fircroft College)
- Dragana Ramsden (FETL Fellow and Head of Centre for Community Learning and Engagement, Morley College London)
- Mark Ravenhall (Chair of the England Impact Forum and Senior Research Fellow, Learning and Work Institute)

A keynote address will be given by Dr Sue Pember, OBE (Director of Policy, HOLEX) and the closing remarks offered by the Rt Hon David Lammy, MP.

The speakers will raise questions for facilitated discussions relating to a range of current topics, including:

- The impact of devolution: implications for policy and practice in the UK
- Leading in post-market conditions
- Building inclusive leadership
- The role of governing bodies in influencing change
- System leadership for mental wellbeing of local communities.

The summary of the day will be co-published published by Morley College London, FETL, and the Learning and Work Institute as a think piece.

The conference will be of particular interest to adult education leaders and aspiring leaders, and anyone with an interest in and the future of adult education. Tickets for the conference are available at www.morleycollege.ac.uk.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

About Morley College London

Morley College London is one of the UK's largest and oldest specialist providers of adult education. Founded by Emma Cons in 1889 to address the learning needs of working people, Morley was the first institution of its kind to admit both men and women on an equal footing. This sense of mission and spirit of inclusion continues to be a distinguishing feature of the College to the present day.

Today the College offers nearly three thousand courses at all levels, from part-time personal development courses to Access to Higher Education diplomas and HNDs, with arts subjects being particularly well-represented. The College's student body is highly diverse, with 52% being from BAME backgrounds, 74% female, and 59% over the age of 40. The College continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of its students, and Morley recently took over the management of the Stockwell Community Centre to extend its educational reach in Lambeth even further. Its main centre at Westminster Bridge Road near Waterloo is currently undergoing extensive refurbishment to improve its accessibility for people with disabilities.

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