

Education Committee for 2007

Characteristics of The Education Committee – 2007



Back Row left to right Eily McKiernan, Sheila Dicks, Margaret Nicholl.
Front Row David Hall, Susan Thomas (Chairman), Helen Russell.

- Susan Thomas Chairman
- Margaret Nicholl Tutor Co-ordinator
- Helen Russell Assistant Tutor Co-ordinator
- David Hall Training of Prospective Tutors
- Eily McKiernan Training of Prospective Tutors
- Sheila Dicks Mentor Tutor Liaison Officer

Outward Focus

- We understand the purpose of the Education Committee.
- We have a clear understanding of why we are on the committee.
- We understand the importance of working together to achieve common goals

Understanding our Roles.

- We are fully aware of what is expected of us as individuals and what is expected of us as a committee.
- We all have our own responsibilities and will work towards achieving common goals.

Interdependent

- We all feel we are independent, but to be able to achieve our goals as a committee we need to:
 - Be dependent on each other.
 - Be able to work together.
 - Be able to approach each other.
 - Be able to ask for help from each other when required.

Participation in Decision making:

- We are all involved in decision making.
- Discussions take place at our committee meetings.

Good Communication

- We feel that being open and honest is the only way to have a strong, supportive, enthusiastic committee.
- The chairman is available to speak to any member of the committee as and when required.

Skills

- We have various skills:
 - Some have good communication skills.
 - Some have good interpersonal skills.
 - Some have good Information Technology skills.
 - Some have good planning skills.
 - Some have good leadership skills.

Challenges

- We all like a challenge and being a member of the education committee you will experience that.
- It is very challenging because we have to try to provide:
 - Good educational weekends.
 - Meeting every ones needs.
 - Satisfying most people.
 - Flexibility
 - Consistency
 - Keeping up-to-date with procedures.

Education Committee Report

As you all know this is a very special year for the Institute as we celebrate our Silver Jubilee.

We have three tutors who have been teaching for 25 years. They are Ron Holland, Margaret Dow and Sheila Dicks. 'Congratulations' All three are still actively teaching. Ron, Margaret and Sheila are going to do a presentation at the Tutors March Educational Weekend on 'Tutoring over the last 25 years'. I am sure it will be entertaining.

New Prospective Tutors

On Saturday 11th November 2006 four Prospective Tutors sat their examination. They were:

- Anne Beckett-Allen, Norfolk
- Jeff Tyrell, Kent
- Michael Dillon, Watford
- Sandra Brophy, Coventry

I am pleased to say that all four passed. The quality of their teaching notes and their presentation skills is very reassuring. The education of this Institute is going from strength to strength.

These Prospective Tutors will work with a mentor tutor until they have put students through the Foundation Certificate and the Diploma Course. The mentor tutor will work very closely with them providing support, guidance and will oversee all marking of the student's reports and essays.

If you are interested in becoming a tutor then please contact Margaret Nicholl, Tutor Co-ordinator on (01253) 724203.

Our March Tutors' Educational Weekend is now in place. Our visiting speaker is a gentleman from the Registrars office in Birmingham. We are very fortunate that people are willing to give up their time and come and talk to us at these weekends.

We, the committee, are helping towards providing resources for the exhibition at Stoneleigh. If tutors would like to have their business cards/leaflets displayed at our stand at the exhibition then please let me know at the Tutors' March Educational Weekend.

It was nice to see our National President at our first meeting of 2007. We look forward to seeing him at our weekend in March.

Congratulations!!

