

Meeting: PACE Lower Southern Region Meeting
Venue: Northbrook College
Day and Time: Thursday 23 May 2013, 9.40am
Present:
Apologies: Tony Hickey, Mike Rogers
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<u>Item</u>		<u>Action</u>
1.	<p>Welcome and agenda for the day.</p> <p>Regional update from Gerry Shurman. Positive response to regional meetings with 100 names on the distribution list. The national conference is encouraging more employers to get involved and this is to be extended to the regional meetings.</p>	
2.	<p>Martin Christian-Kent gave a presentation about the State of the Nation Report.</p> <p>Discussed the future of apprenticeships in the sector.</p> <p>Discussed the commercial college concept.</p> <p>Discussed small and medium enterprises and funding issues.</p>	
3.	<p>Geoff Booth gave a PACE Exec update. The presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PACE links • National Conference in Nottingham - 12/14 March 2014 • PACE membership scheme • Curriculum Update • PACE individual roles • PACE Projects – College Skills competition. The heats will be held in June. To register contact 0800 612 0742 	
4.	<p>Gary Baldwin gave a presentation about inspecting restaurants and the college rosette accreditation.</p> <p>Discussed timescale and process of the college rosette accreditation.</p>	
5.	<p>Key Discussions</p> <p>A group has formed under PACE to campaign the changes to funding. All members wishing to support this campaign can do so by contacting People First or PACE.</p> <p>How to retain a curriculum and enterprise within the reduced hours.</p> <p>Employer requirements and qualifications that could meet these</p>	

needs.

The Centre for Excellence has formed a national group to promote food service as a career and to raise standards of food and beverage service. National waiters day will be held in London in June. Staff and students are invited. A short film will be made to promote the profession.

6. Update from Awarding Bodies

Lisa Hibbard from Lifetime Awarding explained how they are becoming increasingly involved with the FE sector. They offer a range of employer responsive qualifications.

Ana Abreu from Pearson explained the levels they offer. Centres should have received notification of the 90 credit Diploma in Hospitality.

Tracey Mead from VTCT explained their response to the reduced hours and the study programmes they have developed. For further information contact Tracey directly.

City & Guilds were unable to attend but asked members to look at their new portfolio of culinary skills qualifications which are available at award and certificate level.

7. Election of Regional Officers

Gerry will be working with the executive PACE team and therefore a new officer is required for the region. 4 applications have been received but 2 have been withdrawn. Therefore Gerry proposed a dual post to be held by Peter Whiffen and Ian Bailey. This was seconded by Linda Anstee.

Discussed dates for future meetings and agreed the next meeting would be held in January at Highbury College. Following this a meeting will be held in May at Eastleigh College.