

Teachers are brought to book

A group of teachers from the north west have got together to write a book – about teaching teachers!

The book was motivated by the launch of the Further Education National Training Organisation (FENTO) standards in 1999 and with education so much in the public eye and teachers needing all the support they can get, it seems appropriate that teacher practitioners should be the ones to form a support network.

The book, 'Teaching in Post-Compulsory Education' was written by lecturers working in partner colleges of the University of Central Lancashire. It was edited by retired UCLan lecturer Fred Fawbert, who helped to set up the Certificate in Education/Postgraduate Certificate in Education (Cert Ed/PGCE) network back in 1989. All those involved train teachers in the post-compulsory (post-16) sector.

"The FENTO standards have to be met by all teachers working in post-compulsory education", says Fred. "When we started writing the book there were practically no materials which helped teacher trainers to meet the standards. We've started a website, <u>www.tipcet.com</u> which will provide an independent forum for the disseminations of ideas and materials and even an exchange of views regarding policies within the sector."

The book was written by eight teacher trainers, working at Runshaw, Preston, Lancaster and Morecambe, Burnley and Southport Colleges – all partners of the University, where the Cert Ed/PGCE courses are run on a franchise basis.

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Photo Opportunity: 'Teaching in Post-Compulsory Education' is being launched at Blackwell's Bookshop, University of Central Lancashire on Thursday 4th December 2003, at 12.00 noon. Photographers welcome. Please contact Pam Culley. Tel: 01772 894425.