

MY VIRTUAL COLLEGE

WEOIT EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

CLAIRE ARBERY



An invitation to the West of England Institute of Technology Educator Conference

We are pleased to invite our West of England Institute of Technology (WEIoT) educators to our first Educator Network Conference which is now taking place on Friday 2 July.

The online conference designed for WEIoT curriculum staff will feature a mix of live and self-guided content to explore over the day, providing a range of options and flexibility. It is open to teaching staff teaching at Level4 and above across the College campuses, whilst there are some elements geared to IoT specifics, there will be lots of input on improving pedagogy using digital technologies.

The conference has been compiled by the digital strand of the IoT across the three other Colleges and UWE Bristol, and will give you an opportunity to collaborate with your peers across the region.

If you would like to attend please

- Calendar - Save the date of Friday 2 July – 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Questionnaire - Complete the [attendee confirmation and pre-conference questionnaire](#) (including option to submit questions for the Q&A panel) – 5 minutes
- Reflect - Educators are asked to capture their thoughts, ideas and feedback on the Educator Reflections document ([click here](#)) – 10-15 minutes

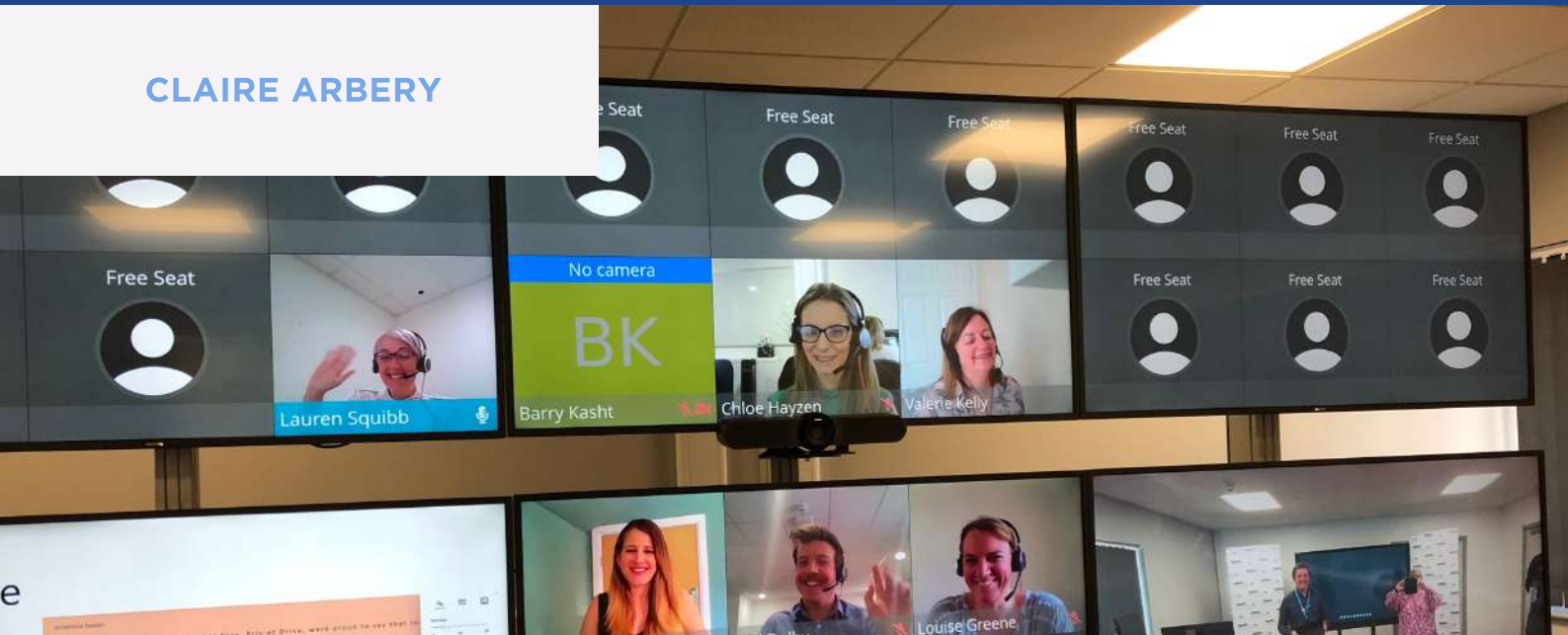
To access the event, attendees will be invited to a Microsoft Team hosted by UWE shortly after completing the questionnaire.

After the event we hope this will continue to be a shared space for educators to share, ask questions and seek connections with teachers from across the West of England IoT.

I look forward to welcoming you all to the event.

IOT WELCOMES DfE TO WESTON COLLEGE

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On Wednesday 23 June, we welcomed Richard from the DfE communications team to Weston College.

Richard spent the day at both the South West Skills campus and Health and Active Living Skills campus facilities collecting video footage and photographs to be used in the promotion of the Institutes of Technology nationally, as part of an IoT press moment on 8 July.

The DfE were really impressed with the facilities and many thanks to all the staff that supported with the event.

Special thanks to Joel, Nicola, Paul and Johnny for speaking to the team, and for being so very helpful on the day. A big thanks to the Business Growth team for supporting us at the Barco Suite demonstration.

We look forward to seeing the results on the 8 July.



LEVEL 3 YEAR 1 FOREST SCHOOL

JODIE EDWARDS



Level 1 Education and Early years learners attended a Forest School taster session with Play Wild CIC at Wood Lane Quarry this week. It was an opportunity to learn about the Forest School approach and how it benefits children of all ages.

We participated in practical activities which we can use when working with children as well as developing our outdoor knowledge and skills. We built dens, made pictures out of wildlife, lit fires, went on bug hunts and finished the session with hot chocolate and marshmallows around the campfire.

We also discovered that Forest School is an excellent way to improve mental health, wellbeing and encourages team work. We highly recommend the experience.



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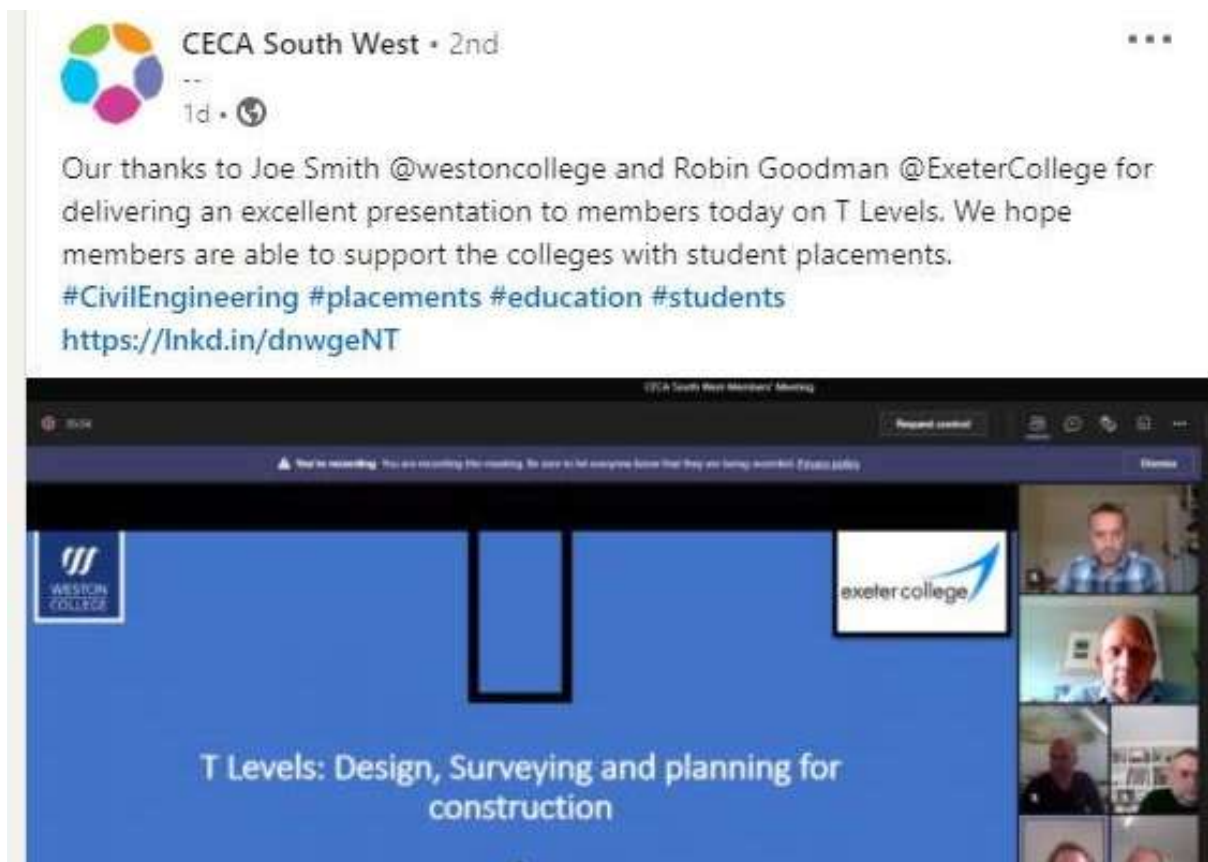
JOE SMITH

This week Business Growth delivered an overview of the Construction T Level to the Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) South West.

30+ CECA members were in attendance representing Civil Engineering employers across the South West.

The session gave all employers an overview of the new course and more importantly how employers can engage and support learners through Industry Placement.

This was delivered collaboratively with Exeter College and CECA's feedback commended both College's for working in partnership to inform employers in the region of the new technical qualification.



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SUCCESS STORIES

NICK CHADWICK

On Wednesday 16 June, Weston College Foundation Learning Football Academy had the prestigious honour of representing the South West region at the AoC National Cup Final, which took place at Tamworth Football Club competing against the best regional college teams from across Wales and England.

The tournament is the largest ability counts football event in the FE sector and getting to this stage of the competition is an achievement in itself. In these impressive facilities amazing footballing skills, comradery and sportsmanship took place.

Mark Hudson, Shaun LaTouche and I had the privilege of observing a day of real enthusiasm, teamwork, determination and excellence from our students who competed with such passion, resilience and talent against Wales and England's regional finalists.

Weston College won four out of their five games. If we had not lost to the eventual victors, Weston College would have been the national champions.

However the achievement of being runners-up with a silver medal position is an exceptional accomplishment. The medals were awarded to the players by Darren Harris who is a dual Paralympian and England's most decorated blind footballer who motivated and inspired us all with his sporting journey and accomplishments.

MAXINE PARK

Student Feedback

"Animal Management has combined hands-on learning with classroom studying to create a fun and engaging course that has made a great impact on my life.

"The interest in animals, shared by students and teachers alike, helped to establish close bonds between everyone and create an emotionally relaxing environment, a trait that I have rarely witnessed in education, and one that I will forever be grateful to have been a part of.

"After college, I will be studying Veterinary Nursing and Companion Animal Behaviour at the University of Bristol, starting September 2021."

Year 2 learner Kam

SUCCESS STORIES

BEN HODDER

We have received some excellent feedback provided from our MOT commercial course.

"Ed and Iain are complete superstars and always make sure that the entire process from booking to completion is a outstanding experience.

"I would like to thank you both for helping me through the course, from the minute I called the college, the whole experience was seamless!

"I was called straight back on the same day by Iain who ran me through the whole application process which was very helpful, when I arrived at the college everybody from the security guards to the canteen staff went above and beyond to make me feel welcome, even the pupils were welcoming and wished me luck! As for the course itself, it was excellently delivered as Ed and Iain work well as a team."

AMBER CLARK

Here is some brilliant feedback we've received for our collaboration regarding the Careers Excellence Hubs!

"Fantastic team collaboration effort from the Work Placement Team, Business Growth team and Faculties working together to secure brilliant partners for the Careers Excellence Hub. It has been great working alongside a different team to work together on this project which enables both teams to communicate to each teams employer contacts.

A big thank you to Ray Stewart, Sarah Roberts from the Work Placement team; Dave Crew, Lou Greene, Joe Smith and Anna Coleman from the Business Growth team and the Deans of Faculty, Tutors and SAMs who have also worked closely with both teams who have delivered support and advice on their Faculty."

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