

## 2007 National Clerks' Conference

Leading Excellence in Governance

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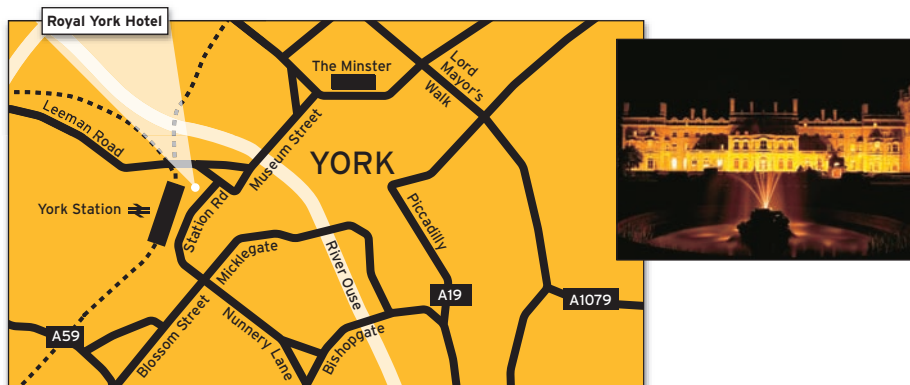
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Sunday 29-Monday 30 April 2007

Royal York Hotel, York

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This conference will examine how the 2006 Instrument and Articles, FE White Paper and any following legislation have affected the role of the clerk. The programme has been designed to identify the key challenges for clerks in these reforms, with subject-specific workshops designed to provide the latest information on FE policy, legislation and regulation, and opportunities to debate successful implementation of any changes.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to discuss the potential impact on sector self-regulation of the Framework for Excellence and other quality and financial assessment frameworks which clerks use to benchmark and improve their institutions' performance.

#### Workshops at the conference will include:

##### The Instrument and Articles - the clerk's role in the disciplinary and dismissal processes

Nick Abbott, Partner, Mills & Reeve Solicitors

##### Governance Good Practice Guide

Stella Thomas, LSG Consultant, and Melvyn Cass, Governance Helpline Advisor

##### Maximising involvement - research findings on governor retention and succession planning

Angela Ellis, Assistant Director, Institute for Voluntary Research

##### Latest funding and audit update

Robert Russell, College Funding Advisor, Association of Colleges

##### Developing a CPD framework for clerks

Claire Weiss, Programme Director, Centre for Excellence in Leadership

##### The National Clerks Network - working for clerks post-Foster

Jane Stroud, Chair of National Clerks Network and John Fowl, Vice-Chair of National Clerks Network

#### Fees

**Day delegates** £240+VAT for 30 April (includes lunch)

**24 hr rate** £330+VAT (includes networking dinner and accommodation on 29 April; breakfast and lunch on the 30 April; attendance at the conference)

#### Subsidy

As part of CEL's strategy to promote diversity and inclusion, subsidised places are available to BME and disabled delegates, clerks of work-based learning and adult and community learning providers.

For more information on conference subsidies please contact CEL on

**0870 060 3278** or visit [www.centreforexcellence.org.uk](http://www.centreforexcellence.org.uk).

## Agenda

(subject to change)

### Sunday 29 April 2007

**16.00 Registration opens**

**18.30 Drinks reception**

**19.00 Networking dinner and quiz**

### Monday 30 April 2007

**09.00 Registration, refreshments**

**09.30 Introduction and welcome**  
**Forum Chair:** David Kissman OBE, Chair, Good Governance Forum, AoC/CEL Governance Advisory Group and Castle College Nottingham

**09.40 Keynote addresses**  
Lynne Sedgmore CBE, Chief Executive, Centre for Excellence in Leadership, Dr John Brennan, Chief Executive, Association of Colleges  
*Questions from the floor*

**10.30 Workshop 1 (choice from 6)**  
*Refreshments served during session*

**11.45 Workshop 2**

**13.00 Lunch**

**14.00 Workshop 3**

**15.10 Refreshments**

**15.30 Keynote address**  
'The LSC's Framework for Excellence' Roger Marriott, Director of Quality and Evaluation, Learning and Skills Council  
*Questions from the floor*

**16.10 Keynote address**  
'Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups - the new law' Richard Sykes, Associate (employed barrister), Mills & Reeves  
*Questions from the floor*

**16.40 Closing summary**

**16.45 Close and informal networking**