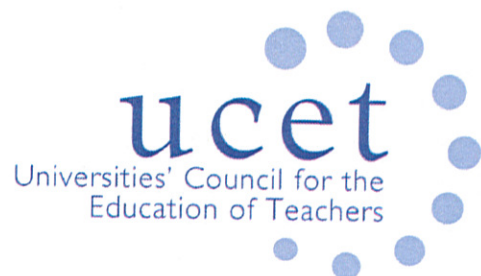


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Dear Mr Hughes,

Invitation to attend UCET Post 16 forum and annual conference

The purpose of this letter is to invite you or, one or one of your colleagues, to attend two UCET events to speak about the AOC's vision for the training and development of teachers in the further education sector.

UCET is a membership organisation for universities across the UK that are involved in teacher education and education research. Our Post 16 forum, which is chaired by Karen McGrath from Birmingham City University, is comprised of representatives from those universities that, with their partner colleges, provide training on a pre-service or in-service basis for some 11,000 teachers every year, mainly through the delivery of the level 5 Diploma in Education and Training (DET) or equivalent qualifications. According to OfSTED, all such training provided by universities or university franchises is rated by OfSTED as being either 'good' or 'outstanding'. The next meeting of the Post 16 forum will take place in central London at 10.15am Friday 18 October. We would be delighted if someone from the AOC could come and speak to forum members about the AOC's work and its position on teaching qualifications in the sector. We would expect about 20 people to be present, including colleagues from DfE and the ETF.

The second event is the annual UCET conference on 5-6 November in Stratford upon Avon, which will be attended by some 250 teacher educators from across the UK and overseas. We would be pleased to offer the AOC an hour long symposium/workshop to speak to delegates about its work. We would also be able to offer you a conference stand at a nominal fee.

Please let me know if you would be able to accept either of these invitations. I can be reached on 07801 851 307 if you would like to discuss the events in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

James Noble-Rogers
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