English for Speakers of Other Languages: Policy and Citizenship in Practice

Day 1 – Local and Regional Coordination of Practice (29 November, 2.00-5.00pm)
HEART Centre, Headingley, Leeds, Shire Oak Hall

1.30 Tea and coffee on arrival
2.00 Welcome (James Simpson)
2.15-3.15 Learning English (Yorks & the Humber): The Leeds-based charity Migrant English Support Hub (MESH) is working in partnership with Migration Yorkshire, provider of strategic leadership and coordination on migration issues in Yorkshire & the Humber, to develop a regional-level coordinating resource for ESOL. The MESH team will explain the rationale for the Learning English (Y&H) resource, describe its development and demonstrate its key features.
- Background and rationale (James Simpson, 2.15-2.30)
- Migration Yorkshire and MESH (Dave Brown/Liz Maddocks, 2.30-2.40)
- Managing MESH and the project (Catherine Hemmings, 2.40-2.50)
- Working with the team: demo and discussion (Clare Jackson, 2.50-3.30)
3.30-3.45 Break (tea/coffee)
3.45-5.00 Round-table discussion: An invited panel representing ESOL policy development. Short contributions on current and critical issues in policy and adult migrant language education, then open discussion.
Contributors: Dave Brown / Liz Maddocks (Migration Yorkshire/ Yorkshire & Humber ESOL Regional Coordinator for the VPRS); Dermot Bryers (English for Action, London); Diana Tremayne (Former National Chair, NATECLA, and Chair NATECLA Y&H); Gill Searl (Regional ESOL lead for the East of England Local Government Association); Mike Chick (University of South Wales); Pauline Blake-Johnson (Chair, NATECLA Scotland); Samantha Powell (ESOL Strategy Manager, Leeds City Council)

Day 2 – Brokering Britain, Educating Citizens: Seminar and Book Launch (30 November, 9.30am-4.00pm)
University of Leeds Michael Sadler Building Room LG19

9.30-10.00 Tea and coffee (and book-buying) on arrival
10-10.30 Introduction and background to ESOL policy (James Simpson)
10.30-10.50 Introduction to the book (Melanie Cooke, King’s College London, & Rob Peutrell, Nottingham College)
10.50-11.10 Break (tea/coffee)
11.15-11.35 Steps to Settlement for Refugees John Callaghan & Tesfalem Yemane (RETAS Leeds)
11.40-12.00 Argumentation, Citizenship and the Adult ESOL Classroom Michael Hepworth (Sunderland University)
12.05-12.25 Migrant Women, Active Citizens Sheila MacDonald (Beyond the Page)
12.30-1.15 Lunch
1.15-1.35 Digital Citizenship for Newly Arrived Refugees Stefan Vollmer (University of Leeds)
1.40-2.00 Queering ESOL Melanie Cooke (King’s College London):
2.00-2.10 Short break
2.10-3.00 Group discussion and round up Mike Baynham (University of Leeds) & Clare Courtney (Heart & Parcel)
3.00 Celebration, drinks and cake