

THE UNIVERSITY *of York*

Part-time MA in Education with ESD Focus – with bursaries available for teachers

We are currently recruiting practising teachers and others involved in **sustainable schools** / Education for Sustainable Development onto our part-time MA in Education. This takes place over two years and is aimed at busy practitioners who are DOING something around the area of SUSTAINABILITY or SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS and who want to investigate more deeply into, and reflect upon, their practice – and get a HIGHER DEGREE at the same time. *Primary, secondary and FE teachers are all most welcome, as is anyone involved in ESD!*

The course will start at 6.30 p.m. on 9th October with the first of eight taught sessions which form a module on RESEARCH METHODS in EDUCATION. Subsequent sessions will be organised in the light of wishes and needs of the participants. The group will also continue to meet as necessary over four terms so that participants can discuss their investigations and provide support for each other.

BURSARIES from the TDA covering about 45% of the course fee of c.£1650 p.a. are available to all qualified teachers whether they are practising or not.

The idea behind the course is that together we create a supportive community of reflective-practitioners, with the University of York providing academic under-pinning to ensure that individual investigations meet the rigorous standards of a Masters degree. The ten people in the first cohort (that started in October 2006) have topics that vary from how a large comprehensive school is addressing the 8 Doorways of the DfES Sustainable Schools Framework to how an individual teacher can develop sustainability as a 'frame of mind' in her infant class, or how learning in more sustainable buildings can affect pupils' understanding of sustainable development.

For further information see <http://www.york.ac.uk/depts/educ/gsp/MAesd.htm>

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“As we push forward with sustainable schools it is essential that emerging practice is informed by good quality research from people closest to the action: this course provides an ideal vehicle for this.” (Dr Jake Reynolds Senior Adviser on ESD at DfES)



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