

Welcome to the 2nd Symposium



Professor Ian Power

As the Chair of the South East Faculty of Clinical Educators (SEFCE), I would like to give you a warm welcome to our 2nd Symposium here in the Chancellors Building of the University of Edinburgh.

The amount of teaching that is pursued in this NHS institution and University is increasingly impressive, and it is clear to a group of us that we needed to try and support our educators. We want to draw in educators from the NHS and the University. Indeed anyone else who is teaching is welcome too!

You will note that the 22 February is also the launch of www.sefce.net. We trust that this will be a rapid and reliable source of information for educators across the south east of Scotland.

Our programme today includes how SEFCE can help you, an introduction to the National Academy of Medical Educators, and a keynote address from Dr Tom Reader "Using new advances in cognitive psychology to enhance learning in a 21st century NHS". All in all we are pleased to present this short symposium to you. As Chair I believe this is an important time and education must be supported from within the University and the NHS.

One point to note is that we are trying to keep all our meetings entirely free of charge. This is a meeting by educators for educators and I trust that you will enjoy it.

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