

Further Education in England: Transforming Lives and Communities

The Transformative Teaching and Learning Scholars Scheme

Are you teaching in a college or training provider?

Are you interested in carrying out research?

Funded by UCU, we are recruiting six research practitioners who are interested in carrying out research into aspects of their own practice related to transformative teaching and learning.

We use the phrase transformative teaching and learning (TTL) to signify the kind of educational experiences we found evidence of in our Transforming Lives research in which students reclaimed education as an affirming process enabling self-development and (re)connecting with hope for the future. Our research showed that TTL is a collective endeavour, something that happens when teachers create spaces in which students can flourish. Interestingly, this does not *always* map against qualifications and or assessments. In fact, sometimes, TTL happens despite funding-driven college contexts.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you are a teacher in further education or have been teaching in further education until recently.

What qualifications do I need?

This opportunity would ideally suit teachers with a first degree and who may also have worked at Masters level or completed a Masters. You need to be interested in carrying out a piece of practitioner research related to transformative teaching and learning, one that draws on your experience as a further education teacher. You also need to be able to attend a series of four workshops over the coming calendar year (likely to be February, April, June and September) with a final meeting before Xmas 2020).

What will the project involve:

During the project you will learn about carrying out practitioner research. You will learn about using video and editing. You will have the opportunity to provide



content for the transforming lives website. You will be supported to write collaboratively for publication in an academic journal.

Bursary

A Bursary of £500 will be available as part of the scholarship for UCU members.

How to apply: Write a brief proposal (500 words max) outlining the context in which you work, the issue you would like to research and how you could research it. This may link to a specific experience or critical incident in which you feel transformative teaching and learning was facilitated or hindered. Also provide details about how you might spend the bursary as a part of your scholarship contribution.

Email your proposal to

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before 29th January 2020.

