



Association for Sandwich Education & Training

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ASET active and alive!

Anticipating a wide circulation of this Newsletter to all placement tutors in UK higher education institutions this edition is intended to give an update on the services ASET provides.

ASET is unique in bringing together all parties involved in the conduct or promotion of sandwich education. Membership is open to employers, academics, students, schools and careers officers. The most important people concerned with an association are, of course, its members – and ASET is no exception. All our members, be they industrialists or academics, have one mutual interest – sandwich courses. All of our members play an important role, and some, who feel they can offer specialised knowledge are elected onto the Executive Committee. Through that Committee, which meets twice a year, we hope to offer expert advice and guidance to members. ASET was established, all those years ago, as a forum – a reason for interested parties to congregate and discuss relevant issues. Now, it has its own Secretariat, a reasonable amount of funding, and five well-established, dedicated Working Parties, all under the direction of the Chairman, Dr Edwin Kerr, the Treasurer, Mr Wally Reynolds, and the Secretary, Mr Malcolm Brewer.

Through the efforts and enthusiasm of the employers and academics collaborating in these small working groups, ASET has become much more active. Promotional literature has been produced, the ASET Directory of Sandwich Courses is updated annually, and it



The ASET Team: Malcolm Brewer, Secretary of the Association, Karren Owen – centre and Mary Harris – pictured outside the ASET office in Sheffield.

attends a number of Higher Education Fairs each year. Conferences have been arranged, including overseas, which address the problems and possible developments of sandwich education in the UK and abroad. ASET can also help to promote research by offering a limited amount of funding for projects.

The working parties set up do not have to take their membership exclusively from the Executive Committee and if you feel you

would like to help on one of them, now is the time to put your name forward. It can be very rewarding working with people committed to sandwich education and training for a common purpose. Any suggestions, comments or concerns should be directed to Malcolm Brewer the Association's Secretary. We need your involvement to keep the Association active and alive and over the next few years we hope to achieve great things.

Learning in the Workplace – a conference for HE placement tutors and sandwich course providers

This issue of the Newsletter comes out shortly before the two day Conference "Learning in the Workplace" at the University of York, 11–12 April 1994. ASET has specifically arranged the conference as a multi-purpose event; its main objective being the sharing of experience and knowledge of many aspects and issues connected with workplace learning in higher education. Whilst the majority of delegates will be directly involved in the provision of sandwich courses and their associated integrated work placements; it is acknowledged that placements also exist in many other courses not designated as sandwich and the conference addresses these also.

A feature of the conference recognises that staff development is of prime interest and the workshop format is deliberately intended to facilitate it. Over the two days of the conference some thirty sessions will generate discussion over a range of issues and it is hoped that delegates will find solutions to some problems and direct others to ASET for their deliberation and action.

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