

# PCET Partners

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## Welcome to the Special Edition

This is our first special edition newsletter with the aim of promoting two immensely important and relevant opportunities for mentors and partners across the BCU network.

## #UKFEchat supporting mentors in Further Education discussion

This Thursday (17<sup>th</sup> November) the PCET team at BCU will be hosting a **#UKFEchat** on the topic of mentoring and it would be great if you might be available to join in.

**#UKFEchat** takes place every Thursday on **Twitter** from 9pm - 10pm and is a useful online community to get involved in. To join in simply use the hashtag **#UKFEchat** on **Thursday 17th November** from **9pm**. There will be questions posed about mentoring and supporting trainees.

The discussion will be open to anybody engaged, or simply interested, in the role of a mentor within the FE Sector and will offer you the opportunity to discuss key issues with other professionals across the country. **#UKFEchat** is a community of enthusiastic professionals who are interested in the world of further education and skills, sharing opinions, discussing ideas and issues that are important to us, our students and our places of work.

For further information on the community click here → <http://www.ukfechat.com/>

Don't forget to follow our course account (@BCUPGCEPCET) as well as the accounts of our

PCET team (@KarenMcGrath13, @KellyDNicklin, @BCUteacherstu and @jean\_dyson).

We hope you will be able to join in!

## Further Education: Transforming Lives and Communities Project

This research aims to understand and provide evidence of how the further education (FE) sector is vital in transforming lives and communities in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain. To provide a frame of reference, which is underpinned and driven by excellence in the sector, the study will provide learners and teachers with the opportunity to tell their stories, linking the distinctness of FE to the impact it has on individuals, society and the economy, and strongly drawing out the role of the teacher in making a difference to quality teaching and learning.

There are already some amazing videos and stories on the website and a series of discussions that offer insight in to the mysteries of FE funding. Well worth a look, and if you are interested in getting involved there are links to share your own story. Click below to find out more - <http://transforminglives.web.uvu.org.uk/>



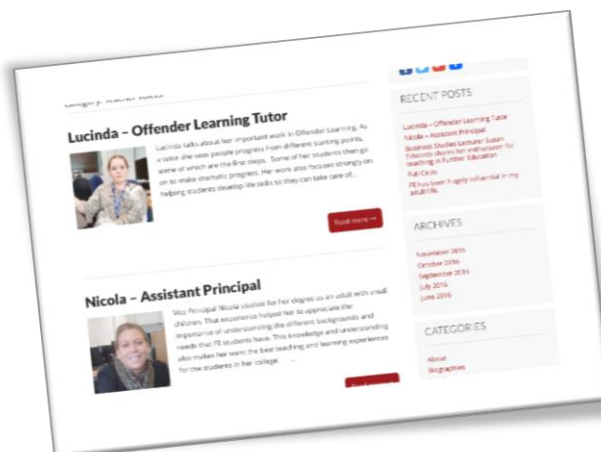
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## Transforming Lives and Communities (continued)

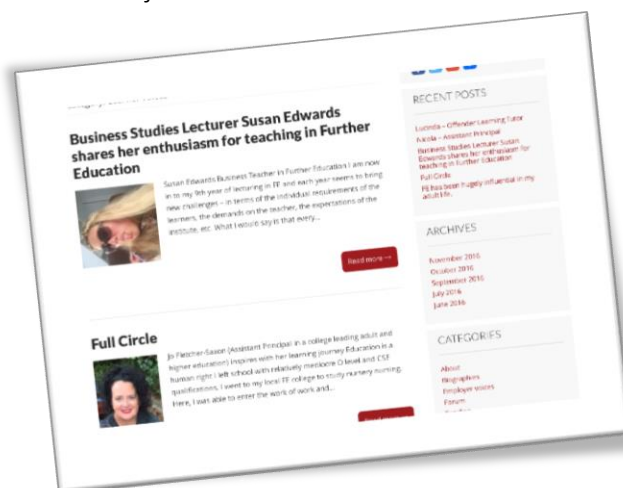
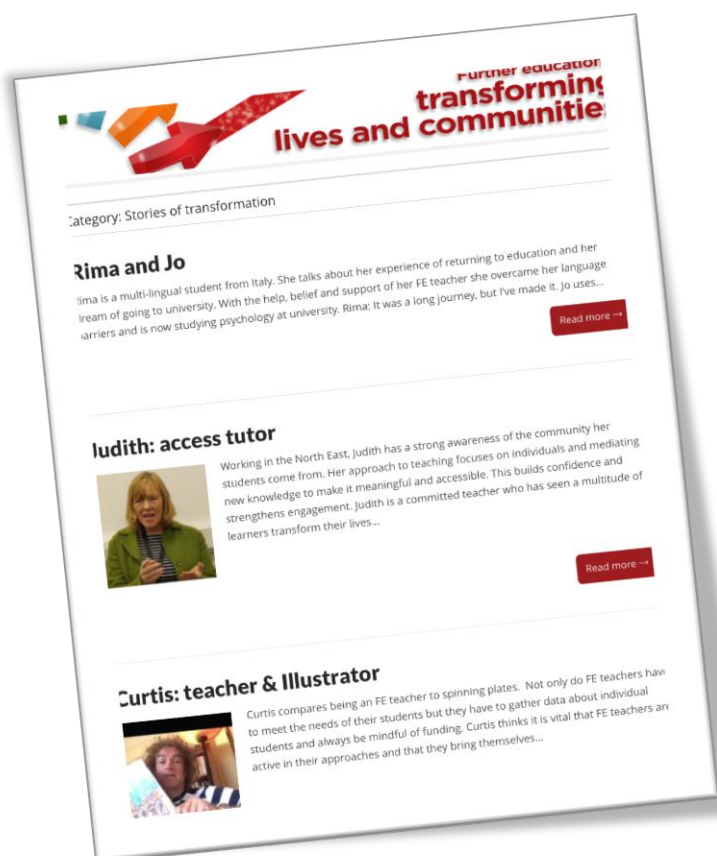
The two researchers undertaking this project, **Vicky Duckworth** (Edge Hill University) and **Rob Smith** (Birmingham City University) aim to inform and facilitate UCU's empowering and inclusive vision of FE and will be a rich source of evidence to draw upon in campaigning work in order to influence policy makers and shape policy.

Their research includes stories of transformation...

Including the voices of teachers from across the FE landscape...



And learners' voices from all ages, backgrounds and subject areas.



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