

Teacher Education at Huddersfield, 1947 - 2007

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2007 saw the sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of Huddersfield Technical Teacher Training College. The College was a pioneer in the education and training of adults, eschewing assessment by formal examination, promoting radical pedagogic techniques and valuing partnership between tutor and student. Besides boasting one of Britain's first dedicated technical teacher training institutions, from 1963 Huddersfield was home to the Oastler College of Education, a day teacher training institution which, together with the Huddersfield College of Technology, formed the Huddersfield Polytechnic in 1970. Ultimately, these two separate traditions of teacher education were fused to constitute the basis on which the University of Huddersfield's School of Education and Professional Development built its reputation as a provider of high quality teachers for both schools and the post-compulsory sector of education in Britain and internationally.

The story of teacher education in Huddersfield began well before 1947. It encompasses initiatives that can be traced to Huddersfield Mechanics' Institution in the nineteenth century. In recent years teacher education for the Lifelong Learning Sector has undergone significant growth, and has attracted unprecedented policy interest. As well as responding to these changes, the School has developed provision in youth and community work, early years, learning support and the training of educational administrators.

This book will be of interest not only to those directly connected with Huddersfield teacher education, but also to those studying the history of education in relation to the development of teachers and associated professionals.

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