



The Association of Part-Time Tutors (APTT)

A brief overview

- The APTT was formed in 1995 by Lesley Booth and Bob Groves
- At the time of writing (April 2001), it has 140 members, all part-time tutors, teachers or lecturers in adult, community, further and higher education.
- Members live and work all over the north of England, though most originate from Tyneside
- It has retired, trainee, non-working and 'supporting' members
- The APTT's primary aim is to empower part-time teachers in the post-compulsory sector by providing training designed, organised, administered and taught by part-timers
- Its other purposes include working to build solidarity, sharing information, monitoring terms/conditions and fighting to raise the professional standing of part-time freelance teaching.
- The APTT works closely with the main teaching unions (especially NATFHE and AUT)
- All APTT training targets Key Areas of the FENTO standards
- Most APTT training is through the Association's accredited 'PLATO' programme of CPD courses.
- All PLATO full-length courses are accredited through NEOCN at Level 3
- PLATO stands for 'Programme of Learning for Adult Teachers and Organisers'
- PLATO modules include courses on interactive teaching methods, APL/A, quality & evaluation, assessment and course design.
- APTT's training role is often delivered in partnership with many other educational bodies, including CEDAR Training, North Tyneside College, NATFHE, Northumberland Adult Education Service, AUT, etc.
- The APTT organising committee meets every other month, either in North Tyneside or Gateshead. All APTT members are entitled to attend any meeting.
- The Association's web site is at: <http://www.aptt.freeuk.com>