

05.4.2026

Author

OSBORNE, R. D.

Title

Higher education in further education : Northern Ireland

Publication year

2003

Source/Footnote

In: Higher education quarterly. - 57 (2003) 4, S. 376 - 395

Inventory number

17231

Keywords

Ausland : Großbritannien : einzelne Hochschulen ; Hochschule und Staat : allgemein ; Weiterbildung : allgemein

Abstract

This paper reviews the provision of higher education courses in the further education sector in Northern Ireland. It charts the evolution of policy through the 1990s by examining major policy documents. It notes the chronic absence of reliable statistical and research evidence during this period. The available statistical evidence is reviewed. Key themes are identified including: localism, 'non-evidence based policy making?', higher education versus the demand for skills and community relations and equality. The innovative concept, now it would appear doomed, of the Springvale campus for west Belfast is examined. Finally, the paper notes that there is an urgent need to provide strategic direction to the further education sector as a whole. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)