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Newsletter from the Centre for Research on the Wider Benefits of Learning (WBL) at the Institute of Education, University of London

AUTUMN 2007

There's more to learning than earnings

WBL autumn seminar 2007

AMENDMENT

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE OF THIS SEMINAR HAS CHANGED
IT WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007****

- **STUDENTS' SENSE OF SCHOOL BELONGING: EXPLORING ITS MEANING AND RELATIONSHIP TO EDUCATIONAL AND WIDER OUTCOMES IN TWO SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN ENGLAND**

Presented by Peter Stevens.

Peter Stevens will be discussing a new study which explores students' perceptions on feeling part of or belonging to a school community. This study employs data from a mixed-methods research project conducted in two inner-city secondary schools. Students' definitions of sense of school belonging are compared to how this concept has been measured in the quantitative research literature. Furthermore, this study explores students' perceptions on how a school can improve young people's attachment to a school community. Finally, survey data and school records collected from the participating schools are employed to explore how sense of school belonging relates to educational and wider outcomes. The conclusion discusses the usefulness of the concept "sense of school belonging" for educational research and current social policy thinking in a British educational context.

Further information is available at www.learningbenefits.net/events/seminars.htm

Friday, December 7, 2007 from 12.30pm to 3pm, in Nunn Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1H 0AL. Contact the WBL on 020 7612 6291 to find out more.

This seminar is free of charge. A sandwich lunch will be served from 12.00-12.30pm. **Places are limited, to register your attendance please email WBLadmin@ioe.ac.uk.**

Dr Peter Stevens is a WBL Research Officer.

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