

Keep INTO out of Oxford Brookes

No Privatisation in Higher Education

OXFORD BROOKES - PRIVATISATION THREAT

- The University is negotiating with a private company INTO, to set up a “Joint Venture” which will take control of ICELS (International Centre for English Language Studies).
- INTO is one of a collection of companies Chaired and run by Andrew Colin.
- Colin has a record of setting up and selling companies. He now Chairs and runs a company called Espalier which is involved in multi-million pound property development schemes in London, Leeds, Brighton and Norwich. Under an INTO initiative, Newcastle University appears to be transferring land for development.
- Often, in such joint ventures the university supplies the land and the buildings are then leased back to the university through a new company, opening up the risk that the developer may sell off the company in the future.
- INTO seems to equal trouble for staff - hourly-paid lecturers at UEA have had their pay rates cut by £3.27 an hour.

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There are huge outstanding questions concerning the futures of the 50 plus staff at ICELS, as well as questions over the quality of educational provision and proper standards of care for students. If the university makes a deal with INTO, staff face:

- Forced transfer of their contracts to a new, virtually unknown, company or else face mandatory resignation
- Loss of membership of the university pension scheme and all other university rights and privileges
- Reduced terms and conditions under the new contracts
- Loss of self-managed time with the enforcement of fixed-hours.
- Loss of union representation (INTO have stated they do not recognise unions)
- Threats to their ability to maintain educational standards

Privatisation will affect the entire university and a decision regarding INTO is imminent

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- If you're not a member, join the Union and contact UCU/Unison and ICELS with your concerns
- Pass this information on to colleagues and ask questions of the management
- Sign UCU's open letter to all Vice Chancellors at the following link:
<http://www.ucu.org.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1997>.
- For further information on INTO, see www.into.uk.com and the campaign website www.handsofficels.org.uk

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