

Enabling a More Complete Education

Encouraging, recognising and valuing life-wide learning in Higher Education
University of Surrey Guildford April 13-14 2010

DRAFT PROGRAMME March 22 2010

Tuesday April 13th Lecture Theatre Block

11.00-11.30 Registration / tea coffee Lecture Theatre Foyer

11.30-12.45 Plenary Griffiths Lecture Theatre

Welcome

Professor Chris Snowden, Vice-Chancellor University of Surrey

Introduction to the Conference

Professor Norman Jackson, SCEPTR E Director

Life-wide education: A new and transformative concept for higher education?

Professor Ronald Barnett, Institute of Education, University of London

12.50-13.40 Finger buffet lunch Lecture Theatre Foyer

13.45- 14.55 Institutional Leaders Forum – ‘Value, Opportunities and Challenges of Life-wide Learning and Co-curricular Awards’

Chair: Professor Gill Nicholls, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic Development University of Surrey

Professor Elaine Thomas, Vice-Chancellor University for the Creative Arts

Professor Stephen Hill, Director of Teaching and Learning Innovation, University of Gloucestershire

Dr Jane Grenville, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Students), University of York (via videoconference)

Institutional leaders with an interest in how we recognise and value learning, personal and professional development gained through experiences outside the formal curriculum will give short presentations on their perspectives on the value, implications, opportunities and challenges of life-wide learning and extra- and co-curricular awards. This will be followed by a chaired open forum. After the session there will be an opportunity for people interested in the issues raised to continue discussion in an informal break-out group.

15.00– 15.55 Students’ Voices – valuing and recognising our life-wide learning

Chair: Lisa Shah VP Student Societies University of Surrey Students Union

Sarah Campbell (level 3 psychology)

Mark Sheppard (level 3 business management)

Mahash Santiapillai (level 2 business management)

Through the medium of short films and digital stories, students from Surrey will talk about some of the things they have done to make their own education more complete and the ways in which their learning and personal professional development is being recognized. This will be followed by a chaired open forum addressing the idea of a life-wide learning and the value, opportunities and challenges of extra- and co-curricular awards from the students’ perspective

16.00 Break: Tea/coffee - Lecture Theatre Foyer

16.40-17.40 Parallel sessions (papers/workshops/discussion-shops)

1 Invited Speaker: Professor John Cowan, Herriot Watt University

Life-wide Learning ‘What matters to me as a teacher’

2 Break out discussion

Challenges and issues raised by institutional leaders

3 Break out discussion

Challenges and issues raised by students

4 University of Derby Award Programme – recognising students’ extracurricular experiences and employer engagement

Asia Alder

5 It never stops: fostering professional practice on the Birmingham Personal Skills Award.

Sarah Jeffries, Programme Manager, Birmingham Personal Skills Award.

6 Salford Student Life Award

Donna Berwick, Student Life Directorate, Salford University

- 17.45-18.50 Poster Reception Lecture Theatre Foyer**
An important part of the conference when participants will showcase their award schemes – the first time that this has been done in the UK. It will provide a chance to network with the people who have developed or who are supporting Extra- and Co-Curricular awards. Wine, soft drinks and nibbles will be served.
- 19.0 Conference Dinner & Musical Theatre Entertainment Wates House**
Hot buffet conference dinner followed by musical theatre entertainment from students of the world renown Guildford School of Acting (GSA).
Coach transport to hotels at 10pm.

Wednesday April 14th Lecture Theatre Block

- 07.30 Coaches from hotel to campus**
07.45 – 08.45 Breakfast in ‘Hillside Restaurant’ University of Surrey
- 09.00 – 09.55 Plenary Griffith Lecture Theatre**
Award Leaders Panel – how do we assure the quality and standards of our Extra- and Co-Curricular Awards?
Chair Professor Norman Jackson SCEPTRe,
Francine Lindley, University of Sheffield
Terry Dray, World of Work Scheme, Liverpool John Moores University
Vicky Mahn, Nottingham Advantage Award Co-ordinator, University of Nottingham
- Three scheme leaders will provide their perspectives on life-wide learning and Extra- and Co-Curricular Awards and the rewards and challenges of operating such schemes. This will be followed by a chaired open forum in which discussion will focus on some of the emergent challenges facing institutions who are implementing these awards.
- 10.00 – 10.55 Business / Graduate Recruiter Perspectives (sponsored by AGR)**
Chair Carl Gilleard CEO Association of Graduate Recruiters
John Morewood, Senior Graduate Recruitment & Development Manager, HSBC BANK PLC
Louise Punter, Chief Executive of the Surrey Chambers of Commerce
Bob Athwall, Head of Graduate Schemes at RWE nPower
- Business representatives will give short presentations on their perspectives on the benefits of students engaging in life-wide learning opportunities from the perspective of preparing for the professional work environment. They will also reflect on the value, implications, opportunities and challenges of University extra- and co-curricular Awards – especially in view of employer needs for good quality information about student capabilities. This will be followed by a chaired open forum. After the session there will be an opportunity for people interested in this topic to continue discussions in a break-out session.
- 11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break: Lecture Theatre Foyer**
- 11.35 – 12.30 Parallel sessions (papers/workshops/discussions)**
Invited speaker: Professor Michael Eraut
- 1 The Balance between Communities and Personal Agency:**
Transferring and integrating knowledge and know-how between different communities.
 - 2 Break out discussion**
Quality and standards challenges and issues raised by Award Leaders
 - 3 Break out discussion**
Challenges and issues raised by Employer / Graduate Recruiter Panel
 - 4. Leeds for Life: embedding the value of co-curricular experience**
David Gardner and Caroline Letherland University of Leeds
 - 5 The Plymouth Graduate Award Scheme: driving and responding to evolutionary change.**
David Croot
 - 6 Warwick Advantage Award; formal recognition for extra-curricular involvement2**
Anne Wilson, University of Warwick

12.30 – 13.15 **Finger buffet Lecture Theatre Foyer** or on terrace if weather permits

13.15- 14.10 **Making informal learning explicit: the challenge of HEAR and the role of PDP** Chaired by **Rob Ward CEO Centre for Recording Achievement and coordinator of PDP and e-portfolio network**

Jill Armstrong Dean of Learning Development, York St John University

Mark Atlay, University of Bedfordshire

Sarah Jeffries, Programme Manager, Birmingham Personal Skills Award, University of Birmingham

The centrality of PDP processes and practices to the recognition of learning gained from experiences outside the credit bearing programme. Methods used to enable learners to develop the skill of critical reflection in these contexts. The nature of the learning and personal professional development that can be reliably recognized through PDP practices outside the formal curriculum. Technologies like e-portfolios used to support recording and sharing of reflections. Issues relating to the representation and recording of learning and achievements and the support for reflective learning. Linking and integrating PDP practice within and outside the academic curriculum. The challenge of HEAR.

Three experienced PDP-e-portfolio practitioners will give short presentations on their perspectives on the value, implications, opportunities and challenges of Extra- and Co-Curricular Awards. This will be followed by a chaired open forum. After the session there will be an opportunity for people interested in this topic to continue discussions in a break-out session.

14.15-15.10 **Parallel sessions (papers/workshops/discussions)**

1. Invited speaker: Dr Richard Hill, De Montfort University and NTF

How can technology help us realize the learning potential of a life-wide curriculum?

2 Invited Speaker: Tom Norton 1994 Group of Universities

Beyond the Curriculum: Results of a Survey of Co-Curricular Awards in 1994 Group Universities

3 Break out discussion

Challenges of connecting and integrating PDP-Life-wide-Enabling Technology and HEAR

4 Enhancing the Student Experience through Life-wide Learning: The students' perspective (W)

Edward Mosley & Rajinder Bhuhi University of Leicester

5 The University of Central Lancashire – Futures Award

Janet Bird and Anna Richardson

6 The University of Queensland Advantage (The UQ Advantage)

Professor Sushila Chang, Office of Undergraduate Education, The University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia

15.15-16.05 **Parallel sessions (papers/workshops/discussions)**

1. Invited Speaker: Dave Snowden, Founder & Chief Scientific Officer, Cognitive Edge Pte Ltd

Learning from life through telling and listening to stories – how can technology help us make sense of the world?

3 Loughborough Employability Award

Yvonne Hamblin, Employability Development Advisor

4 Creative Arts Students' Work-Related Learning Experiences in the Public and Third Sectors: A

Cross-Case Analysis of Four Dimensions of Learning

Catherine Smith & Angeliki Triantafyllaki

5 Assessing Performance and Capability in the Work Place

Focusing on essential skills and knowledge in student work placements

Tony Sahama Deborah Peach Graham Willett

6 Mapping the terrain: survey of co-curricular and extra-curricular awards

Charlie Rickett University of Surrey

16.10-16.30 **Plenary Griffith Lecture Theatre – Observations and reflections on the opportunities and challenges of Life-Wide Education Professor Ron Barnett**

Finish Tea/coffee Lecture Theatre Foyer

Poster Reception Lecture Theatre Foyer

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To include

University of Bath - Samantha Chaffey
University of Birmingham - Sarah Jeffries
University of Central Lancashire - Janet Bird
University of Derby - Asia Alder
University of Exeter - Jon Boyes
Independent HE Consultant - Cordelia Bryan
University of Lancaster - Elaine Davies
Liverpool John Moores University - Terry Dray
University of Leicester
University of Loughborough - Yvonne Hamblin
University of Newcastle - Barbara Phillips
University of Nottingham - Vicky Mann
University of Plymouth - David Croot
University of Salford - Donna Berwick
University of Sheffield - Francine Lindley
University of Surrey – Charlotte Rickett
University of Sussex - Sue Orton
University of Warwick - Anne Wilson
University of the West of England - Kieran Kelly
University of Worcester - Rose Watson
University of York - Andrew Ferguson
York St Johns University - Julia Smith