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TQEF Project 2a

Teaching Quality Enhancement Fund Celebration Event

Creativity and Innovation in Teaching in HE

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Purpose

To establish a development unit which will encourage and promote creative and innovative teaching and learning across the University and among its partners.

Progress so far...

- Individual meetings with 40+ academic staff across the University have identified 4 Broad Categories of Creativity in Teaching.
- Creativity Cafes and workshops have been organised to enable University staff to share good creative practice.
- A book called *A Toolkit for Creative Teaching in the Post-Compulsory Sector* is being published by the Open University Press in March 2009.
- A DVD entitled 'Creativity in Teaching: engaging post-compulsory and adult learners' has been produced for distribution.

4 Broad Categories of Creativity in Teaching

1. The Process of Creative Thinking
2. Creative Teaching Techniques
3. Creativity in Community and Employer Engagement
4. Creativity and Information Technology



The Creativity Cafe

- An informal, but structured day where staff can network and share creative and innovative ideas.
- Themed sessions are set out in a 'bistro' style with tablecloths, candles, menus and waiters.
- A chance to network with up to 100 staff.
- Encouraged to follow up at least one contact afterwards!

Book - A Toolkit for Creative Teaching in Post-Compulsory

- This book is a resource for practising teachers working in the Education sector who want to explore creative ways of engaging their learners.
- It contains 50 practical examples of creative practice applied in a variety of subject areas. Specific examples relating to the planning and implementation of teaching practice.

DVD - Creativity in Teaching

This DVD demonstrates a range of creative teaching methods used by academic staff at University to help engage and motivate their learners. It showcases a variety of styles which promote creative thinking using innovative teaching techniques. Also, some examples exhibit the use of creativity in community and employer engagement, and also how Information Technology can be used.



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2020
UK will be a nation of world class skills with 95% functional literacy and numeracy. More than 40% of adults will have a Level 4 qualification.