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Teaching and Learning Projects
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WACE World Conference
Vancouver, June 2009
Teaching and Learning Projects

How inspirational and innovative Teaching and Learning Projects at the University of Huddersfield prepare our graduates with employability skills for a changing world of work

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Background

- Pro-Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)
- Teaching and Learning Strategy
- Strapline
- TQEF Projects / HEFCE
- Lisa Ward – Programme Manager
- 2006-09 15 Projects Across Four themes
- Placement Project
- Extra Mile Awards

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Themes

• Transitions into University
• Creativity and Innovation
• Research and it’s Link to Practice
• The University in the Wider Community

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Commonalities

- Keeping Students
- Reaching potential
- Improved T&L Experience
- Widening Participation
- Right feedback, right time
- Ensuring career success
- Confidence

=> Employability Skills for Changing world of work

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Theme One – Transitions
Library and IT Mentors

- Support the use of ‘daunting’ academic library
- Project mainstreamed
Theme One – Transitions
Peer Assisted Learning

- Built upon peer mentoring – Art, Design & Architecture
- US model ‘Supplementary Instruction’
- Year 1 – PAL Sessions
- Year 2 – PAL Leader
- Year 3/4 – PAL Co-ordinator
- Piloted in Business, Humanities, Health, Politics
- Inspirational PAL packs
Theme One – Transitions
Peer Assisted Learning
100% felt role of student co-ordinator will benefit CV and employability.

‘I have always enjoyed project management, and as Student co-ordinator supporting Peer leaders I have effectively been managing a part of the scheme. I have trained 21 peer leaders, carefully managing how much information to give out and to whom.’
Theme Two – Creativity and Innovation
Employer Engagement

- Theme based in school with a strong practical focus
- Cross theme collaboration
- Building upon expertise
- Based in School of Computing and Engineering
- More placements, KTPs and employers on course boards.

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Theme Two – Creativity and Innovation
Art, Design and Architecture Networks

- Portfolio Careers
- First steps on ladder
- Strong links with industry
- Conran, Sony, Microsoft, Brandt
- Work experience and a way in

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Theme Two – Creativity and Innovation
Art, Design and Architecture Networks

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• Careers opportunities
• Performed lectures
• Patrick Stewart
• Working with Clients – T&L, TQEF
• Workshops for staff
• Accountancy ‘professional skills’

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Theme Four – The Wider Community Volunteering

- Seven years, staff and students
- Recognised work experience
- Community links
- Accredited model

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Theme Four – The Wider Community
South Asian Arts

- ‘New’ music students
- Community links
- Whole class tuition
- Project manage events
Extra Mile Awards

- Initiate in 2006
- Student nominated, now includes staff scheme
- Partnerships: Hospitality, Art and Design
- 300 nominations in 2009
- Reward staff
- Mainstreamed
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Placement Project

- Impact jobs, salaries and grades
- DVD produced
- Placement Journeys

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Conclusions

• ‘Real-life’ skills
• Employability
• Innovative
Any questions?

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