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The Challenges of Setting Up a Teaching and Learning Institute to Inspire Tomorrow’s Professionals
Teaching and Learning Institute

- Pro-Vice Chancellor (Teaching and Learning)
- Teaching and Learning projects
  - TQEF particularly 2006-2009
  - University Funded T&L projects
- Pioneer of and culture of work placements
- Teaching and Learning Staff development
- Recognising, celebrating and disseminating success
  - Extra Mile Awards

Incredible tomorrow’s professionals
University of Huddersfield
Teaching and Learning Strategy 2008 – 2013

Aims

• To deliver inspirational teaching and learning
• To provide opportunities for all who can benefit
• To produce enterprising and employable graduates
Outline

- Previous Projects
- Current Projects
- Future Projects
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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Library and IT Mentors

- Support the use of ‘daunting’ academic library
- Project mainstreamed

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Peer Assisted Learning (PAL)

What is PAL?

History of PAL

First Year Profile

About Peer Assisted Learning Student Participants

Peer Leader Profiles

An insight into the Peer Leader role

Muddle Articles, January 2008

PAL article within Muddle, the newsletter of the University of Huddersfield

Karrena Powell - Interior Design

The PAL Scheme is an interesting proactive initiative that encourages students to interact and talk to each other. Our sessions are informal gatherings where we discuss among ourselves topics that the students feel they need more support in, discuss the students control and a useful tool to gain information and advice from peers when they may have attended. I have been thanked and talked to the first years for being helpful and understanding and here have a few that have been inspired in the session about these tests.

As a Peer Leader I try to encourage and facilitate the first years to communicate with each other in a variety of ways about a variety of subjects that are important to them. The session provides an alternative solution from a previous student point of view in cases they don’t want to approach lecturers or would rather have a quiet motivating session rather than a group formal lecture.

I enjoy being a Peer Leader on my course because it encourages me to try more in the studio not only with the first years but also the final years. The PAL Scheme is helpful for the students and a great opportunity for students to get involved in extra-curricular activities.
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.’
Employer Engagement

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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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Drama Creativity

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

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Volunteering and South Asia Arts

- Seven years, staff and students
- Recognised work experience ‘New’ Music Students
- Community links
- Accredited model
Extra Mile Awards

- Initiated in 2006
- Student nominated, now includes staff scheme
- Partnerships: Hospitality, Art and Design
- 300 nominations in 2009
- Reward staff
- Mainstreamed
Extra Mile Awards

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Placement Project

- Impact jobs, salaries and grades
- DVD produced
- Placement Journeys
Placement Journeys: Students, Employers, Tutors

http://www.hud.ac.uk/tqef/placement/pages/pl_journey.html

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Current Projects

• Virtual Law firm – based on Penfield
• Reality Suite for rehabilitation training
• Pre-induction Social Networking (also at ASET)
• E-Portfolios for nurses
• Mobile Portfolio Platform e.g. news event
• Toolkit for embedding academic and employability skills

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Future Projects

• Employability theme
• Internally funded projects
• Notify re: national and international opportunities.
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