**Lincoln Higher Education Research Institute (LHERI)**

**Newsletter June 2017**

**Launch event, seminar series, e-journal, support for D4 applications and project updates**

**Launch Event 13th September**

We are finalising arrangements for our launch event which will take place in The Orange Room, Think Tank, on 13th September.

The launch will consist of a morning session where we will introduce and promote the work of LHERI and our Fellows, a long lunch for networking and an afternoon session with the Research Office.

All University of Lincoln staff are welcome to attend, please visit our website for more information and links to sign up: <http://lncn.eu/launch>

**Higher Education Research Seminar Series**

We are developing an exciting series of seminars exploring higher education research with a mix of internal and external facilitators. The first will take place on **12th October**:

“*Everyone talks about it but no one really knows what it means*”: How university students understand the student experience

 **Prof. Mary Stuart and Dr. Rachel Spacey**

Sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/student-experience-seminar-with-mary-stuart-tickets-35139789055>

This event will be held on the Brayford Pool Campus, room to be confirmed.

Further seminars will take place in February, April and June 2018 and details will be included on future newsletters. We are currently in talks with an interesting external facilitator for February’s seminar, do look out for details.

**E-Journal for Higher Education Research**

We have formed a small working group to initiate a Lincoln Higher Education Research Online Journal and are hoping to be ready to call for submissions as the beginning on the 2017-18 academic year.

**Support for colleagues applying to D4 Principal Fellowship of the HEA**

Another strand of our work involves supporting members of staff who wish to apply for Principal Fellowship of the HEA. We do this in a number of ways;

* Running writing retreats; this allows staff to block time out in their diary to focus on compiling their application. Previous writing retreats have been well attended and feedback has been positive. These are held away from campus at Washingborough Hall to minimise interruption and distraction and are facilitated by Dr Karin Crawford who is available for guidance throughout the day. Writing retreats are then followed up by group or individual meetings on campus;
* Hosting useful resources on our website;
* Providing one to one support on request.

If you are interested in applying for D4 Principal Fellowship of the HEA, please email LHERI@lincoln.ac.uk

**Project Updates:**

**Access Agreement Evaluation Project**

The funding for a project evaluating the University of Lincoln’s Access Agreement has been confirmed and we will be recruiting a Research Fellow, Research Assistant and Administrator, please look out for the adverts which are due to go live this month.

**Intervention for Success Project**

Alison Wilkinson of Lincoln International Business School has joined us on a part-time secondment to initiate the project and will be joined by Ben Walker from Sheffield College on 26th June. This HEFCE funded project is in collaboration with Huddersfield, Coventry and Manchester Metropolitan Universities. The core focus of this work has been driven by the 2015 HEFCE report ‘Causes of Differences in Student Outcomes’ [http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/rereports/Year/2015/diffout/Title,104725,en.html](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/pubs/rereports/Year/2015/diffout/Title%2C104725%2Cen.html)

**Learning Gain Project**

A platform has now been identified and all undergraduate students will be sent a link to the GetSet survey in their enrolment materials this summer. The Learning Gain Project Team have also submitted a paper for inclusion in the Higher Education Pedagogies Journal.

**NCOP LiNCHigher Project**

Dr. Rob Vickers, Research Fellow, has joined us to lead the local evaluation of this collaborative project working closely with Bishop Grosseteste University. The LiNCHigher team are now delivering activities in all of the national collaborative outreach programme (NCOP) Gaps Areas and evaluation will be embedded in upcoming events. The team are also currently working with CFE research to pilot the national NCOP Participant Survey.

If you or any of your colleagues are interested in becoming a Fellow of The Lincoln Higher Education Research Institute please complete the registration form here: <http://lncn.eu/hefellow> or email LHERI@lincoln.ac.uk

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If you have any questions or if there is anything that we can help you with please email LHERI@lincoln.ac.uk Thank you for your continued support!