

MANAGING CO-CURRICULUM AND EXTRA-CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENTS

Introduction

In an increasingly competitive HE market, one way that institutions are enhancing the attributes of their students is by offering an award or opportunities for developing employability skills and demonstrating capability through connecting academic and non-academic achievements. This workshop provides the opportunity for participants to explore how they can help students to use voluntary or part-time work to demonstrate their employability skills. We will examine options for developing and managing co-curriculum and extra-curriculum opportunities. Participants will assess the benefits and challenges of this activity and the implications for introducing different models. We will consider how and where extra-curricular activity can mesh with the HE curriculum and what are likely issues relating to student engagement and partnership work with employers. The last part of the workshop is designed to look at the implications of developing these activities and the resources required for managing different approaches. The workshop should be useful for all those who are likely to plan, or are responsible for enhancing providing institutional approaches to employability development.

Aims

- To consider a business case for developing co-curriculum and extra-curricular activities to support graduate outcomes
- To explore different models of co-curriculum and extra-curriculum developments
- To provide the opportunity to critique examples of particular methods and assess their appropriateness and links with the curriculum
- To explore student engagement with co-curriculum developments tapping into what is important to students and eligibility for involvement
- To consider the implications for staffing and resources
- To identify how employers can be involved

The workshop will be delivered by Bibby Rumbelow Ltd, a consultancy and training company which specialises in work-based learning and employer engagement.

Bibby Rumbelow Masterclasses are well established and have an excellent reputation in universities throughout the UK. Full of practical tips, hints and opportunities to practise new skills and share experience, the Masterclasses are suitable for those new to employer engagement as well as the experienced practitioner who is looking to review and improve current approaches.

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