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Producing OER's for Criminology: 'Student as Producer' in Action.

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Abstract

Having won a small bursary of £1000 from the British Society of Criminology to produce some Open Educational Resources (OER) for Criminology research methods, the paper discusses the collaboration between academics and students to achieve this goal. With staff guidance, three level 2 students have been working together to develop some short animated podcasts to illustrate the use of statistics in research, including how to use and apply statistical information from the statistical software, 'Statistical Programme for Social Science' (SPSS). The podcasts are being designed to look at things such as how to calculate and use descriptive statistics, why we might use SPSS, how to put variables and data into SPSS and what various inferential outputs mean. The paper will discuss the processes of working together, from both staff and student standpoints, and will also showcase some of the outputs. Issues of particular significance are likely to relate to the value of staff gaining a deeper understanding of how students understand and apply learning materials, and for students to both gain expertise and knowledge beyond their degree, and as producers, to directly contribute to knowledge within the degree programmes. Ultimately it is hoped that this student as producer collaboration will go on to benefit both staff teaching on modules requiring this knowledge, and also the students learning on the modules in the future. The session will be presented by the team which includes staff and students.

Presenter details

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