



ExPERT ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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Expertise (through) Education, Research and Teaching

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FESTIVAL OF LEARNING AND TEACHING 2018

Festival of Learning and Teaching

Is it in your diary? **JUNE 27TH, SMR HEART SPACE AND WESTON HALL.** This promises to be a great opportunity to network with colleagues from across the University, hear what others are doing about enhancing their academic practice and generally to celebrate how well we are doing.

SEDA accreditation of mentoring & coaching and supervising postgraduate research

We have two noted keynote speakers who will help stimulate discussion and we have new technology on display to provide you with new ideas. We also have information about the ExPERT Academy and what we can do for you.

The new online PgCert, MA, PhD

The new Academic Professional Apprenticeship

The event is CPD accredited so sign up is mandatory.

The new CPD Framework

See the programme and sign up here

<http://uwl.ac.uk/conference>

News about the LT&A strategy & Assessment policy

Introducing – new staff in the ExPERT Academy

SEDA Accreditation of courses

Want to get a PG qualification?

This week sees the start of our Mentoring and Coaching course. All those who complete the course and its assessment obtain a SEDA CPD qualification in Mentoring and Coaching.

For some of you, getting a PG qualification in Learning and Teaching is an essential part of your contract. For others it might provide a route to a doctoral qualification which you are unable to obtain in your disciplinary context.

The first group of participants have been nominated by their Heads of School/College so that they can take part in the new ADAM programme which starts in September. In this first round, we have volunteers to take part, but all academic staff will engage in the ADAM programme once every 3 years. It is designed to help staff realise their full potential and to enhance their promotion prospects. Each participant will have a SEDA accredited mentor, not from their subject or (where possible) their school, so they feel safe to share concerns and challenges with their mentor.

The PgCert/MA/PhD in Higher Education Research and Practice will be delivered wholly online to encourage collaboration not only between institutions in the UK, but also between our partners and others abroad. For those of you teaching at UWL, you will also get the chance to attend face to face sessions to help you progress.

We will also be running a new course for Supervisors of postgraduate research (starting November 2018). Again, this course is SEDA accredited.

SEDA will be visiting the institution in July and our final accreditation will be confirmed for both courses in September.

The PgCert commences in September 2018 and the two SEDA accredited courses can contribute to your MA

If you are interested in finding out more about either course, then please email expert-academy@uwl.ac.uk

qualification. If you want to know more email expert-academy@uwl.ac.uk

The Academic Professional Apprenticeship

If you are new to teaching or have limited experience in HE learning and teaching then the new Academic Profession Apprenticeship (APA) is for you.

Designed to give you a head start in understanding not only what is expected of you as a teacher but more broadly as an academic and potential future manager, it introduces you to a wide range of Higher Education policy and practice.

Whilst it is compulsory for all new academics, we hope that it will rapidly advance your career prospects. As part of the course you will also gain your PgCert, your FHEA and take part of the course leading to HEA External Examiner registration. It will also kick start your qualification as a SEDA accredited mentor or supervisor.

The course requires that you receive 20% of your time out of the workplace and you will also have a mentor in your subject area to ensure that you are developing your disciplinary skills as well. This highly flexible course promises to give you a flying start to your academic career.

For further information contact Expert-academy@uwl.ac.uk

The new CPD Framework

UWL is committed to giving all its staff the opportunity to gain skills and to develop as lifelong learners to enhance career prospects and to ensure our students receive the best education we can offer.

As a result, we have developed a new CPD framework that links CPD with appraisal (and the statutory need to demonstrate that we support CPD for our HEA accreditation). As a result, we are offering a year long menu of development opportunities for all staff. This means that whether you want to be better at using technology, develop your information literacy skills, know more about how HE operates (particularly in relation to the new quality code), or if you want to enhance your curriculum design, teaching or research practice, we will be offering something for everyone. For further information please contact expert-academy@uwl.ac.uk



Strategies and Policies to help you get the best out of your curriculum design

The new Learning, Teaching and Assessment strategy will receive final sign off by Academic Board in September, along with the new assessment policy. These two core documents designed to be easily read and quickly assimilated, will form the basis for much of the work ExPERT Academy will be doing with you in the new academic year.

Alongside these, ExPERT colleagues have been working with others in developing an inclusive curriculum process (working closely with the SAP project, two of their interventions have been adopted in the Assessment Policy) as well as a framework for scaffolding learning through better use of Blackboard templates. In addition, we are working with colleague to develop an Information literacy and Digital capability policy that is fit for both staff and students. Of course, don't forget our new graduate attributes and the new strategic plan. Go to the Teaching Hub to find out

New staff in the ExPERT Academy

Since our last newsletter in February, the new staff have started joining the ExPERT Academy. In March, we saw the arrival of Associate Professors Diogo Casanova and Isabel Huet. Diogo specialises in online learning and has years of experience in designing and delivering e-learning. He also has an interest in the quality frameworks that should surround such work and the design of other learning spaces. Isabel is very experienced in developing postgraduate research skills, both in students but also in staff, helping them to understand their role as supervisors. She has extensive experience of developing and writing European bids which have been highly successful.

In April we saw the arrival of Dr Erik Blair. Erik joined us from LSE and is a highly experienced researcher and practitioner in the field of Higher Education Studies.

In May we were joined by Shabana Ali, our new learning technology support and administration assistant who has settled in tremendously well.

about all our work and to get access to tips, hints and resources.
<https://uwl.ac.uk/teaching>

Come along and get to know them – please feel free to visit us in PE.04.020, up with the graduate school.