

Peer Assisted Study Scheme (PASS) Workshop Wednesday 30th April 2008

The University of Manchester has a well established and internationally recognised PASS programme, engaging over 350 trained higher year student volunteers working in partnership with academic and administrative staff. Higher year students facilitate lower year students in supportive groups to help develop study and learning strategies, enabling deeper conceptual understanding of fundamental academic principles within a discipline.

Based on the Supplemental Instruction model, developed at the University of Missouri – Kansas City, USA, PASS has brought proven benefits across the University.

This interactive workshop will engage academic and administrative staff and students, in exploring the theoretical and practical aspects of PASS as well as discussing the benefits of the model.

Workshop Outline:

11.30	Welcome (Marcia Ody, Teaching and Learning Manager, The University of Manchester)
11.45	Supplemental Instruction and International perspectives (Dr Glen Jacobs, Executive Director of the International Center for Supplemental Instruction, University of Missouri – Kansas City)
12.15	PASS at the University of Manchester (Marcia Ody and William Carey, Teaching and Learning Adviser - Students as Partners, The University of Manchester)
13.00	Lunch
13.45	 Parallel sessions: a) PASS in action – opportunity to experience a 'real PASS session' and discussion with current leaders b) Evaluation and Benefits – sharing published research and ongoing trends
14.45	Parallel sessions continued
15.45	Coffee
16.00	Practicalities for implementation of PASS
16.30	Panel Discussion (Academic staff coordinator, student coordinator, PASS leader and first year students)
17.00	Summary and closing remarks
17.15	End