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Evidence for institutional policy and practice: why, what, how?

**HEIR Network Seminar
(with the Scottish Forum on Lifelong Learning)**

**Tuesday 23rd November 2010
Glasgow Caledonian University, Scotland UK**

Background

The HEIR Network (the UK and Ireland Institutional Research Network) and Scottish Forum on Lifelong Learning (organised by the Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning) are pleased to offer a one-day event focusing on using 'Evidence for institutional policy and practice: why, what, how?'

The UK and Ireland Institutional Research Network (HEIR) is a network of institutional research enthusiasts and practitioners working in the UK and Irish higher education sectors. The HEIR network's understanding of institutional research is as follows:

The use of research and enquiry to provide evidence to inform policy, practice and management at all levels within higher education. This includes management information to inform policy and strategy, evaluation and pedagogic research to inform learning and teaching, and using data gathered for different purposes to better understand and manage activities within institutions, including the student experience.

The HEIR network believes that IR is likely to play an increasingly important role in both enhancing learning and teaching practice, as well as providing timely and relevant evidence to aid management decision making at all levels within HEIS.

CRLL is a joint initiative between Glasgow Caledonian University and the University of Stirling. The Scottish Forum on Lifelong Learning is a core part of the work of CRLL and is designed to provide a context in which members of the research, policy and provider communities involved with lifelong learning can meet together to explore key issues with the aim of facilitating debate and discussion.

Aim

The event will be an opportunity for higher education practitioners to come together to find out more about notions of evidence and in particular, how this has been/can be used to influence and support institutional policy- and decision-making. The day will be interactive and participatory with opportunities for participants to exchange ideas and share their own experiences.

Who should attend this event

It will be of particular interest and relevance to higher education practitioners in Institutional Research, Strategic Planning, Policy, Quality and Academic Development.

Programme

Time	Session
09:30	Registration and Coffee
10:00	Welcome and Introductions – Professor David Smith, Co-Director, Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning, Glasgow Caledonian University
10:10	Keynote presentation 1 – Professor Alan Davidson, Dean for the Enhancement of Learning, Teaching and Assessment, Robert Gordon University
10:40	Q&A and Discussion
11:00	Workshop 1 – Kate Wicklow & Victoria Passant, NUS <i>“Student Engagement: how the student voice feeds into policy”</i> Tea/Coffee will be served during workshop
12:30	Lunch
13:30	Workshop 2 – Glasgow Caledonian University, Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning team <i>“Evidence for widening participation: articulating the challenges”</i> Tea/Coffee will be served during workshop
15:00	Plenary/Panel discussion and Concluding remarks
16:00	Close

The event will take place in Room W013, Hamish Wood Building, Glasgow Caledonian University. The cost to attend this event is £60, please complete and return the attached booking form. Please note that space is limited, and bookings will be on a first come first served basis.

Workshops

Workshop 1 – Student Engagement: how the student voice feeds into policy

There are many surveys in the sector which look at the experiences of students, but only a fraction of the results end up influencing policy areas of an institution. This workshop aims to explore ways that the student voice can be used to help inform policy and practice, not just using surveys but with a triangulated evidence based approach.

Workshop 2, Evidence for widening participation: articulating the challenges

This workshop explores the challenges of institutional research evidence for widening participation. Focusing on the strategic uses of research evidence for tackling transformational change within institutions, it will consider a range of approaches to research evidence and the challenges these pose for achieving institutional change. In the second part of the workshop attention will turn to how research evidence is used. Case studies from CRL’s current work will exemplify the sometimes contested nature of the relationship between ‘evidence’ derived from different forms of research and the challenges of changing institutional policy and practice.

Glasgow Caledonian University

This event is being held in Room W013, Hamish Wood Building, Glasgow Caledonian University which is located in the City Centre of Glasgow (behind Buchanan Street Bus Station), T: 0141 331 3000, W: www.gcu.ac.uk

Travel Information

Glasgow has excellent rail links with the rest of the UK, with Queen Street and Central Stations located in the City Centre. Glasgow International Airport is a 15 minute drive by motorway from the City Centre and there is a regular shuttle bus service between the City and the Airport.

Contact Details

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Booking Form

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