Innovation in Teaching Practice Workshops

A series of one-day online workshops covering a range of topics relevant to teaching and learning in HE, aiming to respond to increasing pressures on institutions to raise the quality of teaching and learning, particularly in light of the unprecedented and rapid changes to delivery caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our Innovation in Teaching Practice workshops are a series of one-day virtual workshops covering a range of topics relevant to teaching and learning in HE, responding to increasing pressures on institutions. Each workshop focuses on a different area of teaching and learning practice and will help you develop your skills through the use of insights, practical tools and tips.

Workshop themes

The Innovation in Teaching Practice workshops for the 2020-21 academic year comprise of three themes:

1. Creativity in blended teaching
2. Gamification
3. Balancing tensions: Identifying impactful and effective pedagogic practices for a volatile post COVID-19 world

Creativity in blended teaching

This workshop will have two virtual cohorts running on 4 November 2020 and 13 April 2021. It has been created to help academics and other professionals who teach in HE and who are new to using creative approaches in learning and teaching or who are looking for new ways to engage learners via online platforms.

Delegates will explore and immerse themselves in creative approaches through a range of diverse, playful and imaginative activities in a safe environment with colleagues from different institutions. Fostering openness, collaboration and freeing themselves to consider creative approaches in their own teaching. Throughout the day we will help you build your own ‘non-standard’ selection box of creative inspiration.
Gamification
This workshop will have two virtual cohorts running on 8 December 2020 and 25 May 2021. It is intended for innovators, educators, entrepreneurs and learning developers in higher education who have a curiosity and/or an interest in learning more about the pedagogy, application and value of adopting a gamified approach to enhancing learning and teaching.

It will offer a range of interactive and practical opportunities for participants to gain an appreciation of gamification as a method to support learning as well as offer them space to explore some applications of this approach for their own learning and teaching context. There will also be the opportunity for participants to network throughout the day with the purpose of this event encouraging a collaborative approach to gamifying learning.

Balancing tensions: Identifying impactful and effective pedagogic practices for a volatile post COVID-19 world
This workshop will have two virtual cohorts running on 20 January 2021 and 17 June 2021. It will provide participants with a practical approach to scholarship of teaching and learning (SOTL) and pedagogic research enabling them to effectively evaluate the work of others as well as develop their own practice in designing, implementing and evaluating innovative teaching practices. The workshop will also support participants in identifying how SOTL can be used in Senior and Principal Fellow applications and career progression.

Delivery model
Each one-day, virtual workshop will be led by a Principal or Senior Advisor in the Advance HE Knowledge, Innovation and Delivery team and, for some workshops, delivery will be in partnership with an Associate of Advance HE. The format of the day will provide an interactive forum for learning, sharing practice and overcoming barriers to excellent teaching.

Who is it for?
Teaching practitioners including: heads of departments, academic programme leaders and developers, lecturers, academic and support staff, and learning technologists.

“Advance HE Workshop(s) and training on Innovation in Teaching Practice has helped me to take a rebirth in teaching. It helped me to learn new strategies and techniques to engage students in the classroom.”

Dr. Rhyddhi Chakraborty, Health and Social Care (Programme Leader), London Churchill College
Learning outcomes

These virtual workshops have been designed to equip you to lead change and monitor impact, as well as providing insights beneficial to help you recognise your contribution to your team and the wider institution. The workshops provide practical support to introduce new teaching practice developments and to assist you with implementing policy at module, programme, departmental or faculty level.

Related programmes

Advance HE also offers the following related programmes and events:

- **Teaching and Learning Conference 2021** – With particular reference to this year, the 2021 Teaching and Learning Conference will explore where we go from here in terms of teaching and learning in HE, and how will we deliver the curricula of the future.

- **STEM Conference 2021** – Under the overarching theme of ‘Rethinking STEM Higher Education’, the 2021 STEM conference will provide an opportunity to reflect on our responses to the COVID-19 crisis, to ensure that our approaches to STEM education are more resilient, effective and inclusive.

- **Degree Standards Conference 2021** – New for 2021, this one-day conference will focus on the OfS-funded Degree Standards project and the outcomes of the project.

- **Leading Transformation in Learning and Teaching programme** – This programme enables participants to enhance the skills, approaches and insights needed to lead course and programme teams through processes of transformation and innovation.

- **New to Digital Teaching programme** – Our New to Digital Teaching programme aims to nurture and develop contemporary professional learning, with a particular focus on online pedagogies and digital delivery within a fully virtual or hybrid teaching spaces.

- **Symposia Series** – These events focus on thematic areas of interest within teaching and learning and are for anyone wishing to improve their knowledge of the latest teaching pedagogies and upskill their practice in key areas.

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