



Issue 19 – Thursday 15th March 2018

The following items have been discussed at the most recent SPEP Meeting:

Promoting Employability

SPEP will act as a working group to look at tutorial provision in Level 6 to promote employability during 2018/19.

It is apparent that Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE) Survey and the Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO) employability data differ. This is not surprising given that the former is self-reported and the latter is based on data held by HRMC. LEO will replace DELHE in future iterations of the TEF.

The DLHE is in the final week of data collection. At this moment, it is too early to analyse outcomes.

Introduction

The Science Placement and Employability Panel consists of Academic and Support Staff representatives who meet regularly to discuss placement and employability matters arising within the Faculty. The SPEP Newsletter has been devised to report back the matters discussed and keep all Faculty of Science staff up to date.

Good Practice

Wockhardt UK (Pharmaceutical Science) promoted one-week placements via Careers. This was a great opportunity for students to gain a brief overview of different job roles within the company.

A previous joint venture between Careers and the PLSU has helped secure a year-long placement with Allergan UK for a Level 5 Biomedical Science student for the coming academic year.

Careers have restarted their blog. This is a useful source of information for students to hear about opportunities available, as well as for staff for updates.

Samantha Forde is currently conducting a Research Project based on Mental Toughness, focussing on student retention. As part of this, the PLSU team have been trained to deliver MTQ48 psychometric tests to students.

Careers Centre Updates

Terry Dray, Director of Graduate Advancement and Employer Engagement, will take up a new position at Keele University from April 2018.

Any case studies for next year's career guides are to be sent to Hayley Fallon and Laura Aldridge as soon as possible to allow time before the print deadline in June.

Career Kickstart is a three-day programme for current Level 6 students. Throughout May there will be four workshops split between Redmonds Building and Byrom Street. For further information, please visit the Careers Events website: <https://careers.ljmu.ac.uk/>.

Placements

The Education Committee has endorsed a change in date for referral exams from August to early July, commencing July 2019. This may impact on future placement activities.

GDPR

The upcoming changes to data protection legislation through the introduction of the GDPR will impact on pre-placement paperwork sent to employers. Amendments will require employers to state their contact preferences. The GDPR enforcement date is 25th May 2018.

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Should you have any information you wish to feed back to the Science Placements and Employability Panel, good practice you would like to share or any input with regard to the items mentioned above please contact your School Representative or David Wood.

Date of the next Science Placements and Employability Group Meeting: **TBC**