

Recognising Lifewide Learning: looking to the future.

Venue: the University of Aston Conference Centre, Birmingham

Date: Monday 10th June 2013

'Extra-curricular activities and volunteering provide opportunities for students to develop skills and experiences that are both valued by employers and relevant more broadly after they have completed their programme of study.'

UK Quality Code for Higher Education Chapter B4: Enabling student development and achievement, P17 (2013).

A wide range of institutions now offer opportunities for the verification and accreditation of achievements derived from engagement with co-and extra-curricular activities. These reflect, to differing extents, concerns with graduate employability, with engaging and supporting students in making the most of their time in HE, and with approaches which stress the importance of university engagement with social action and volunteering in the local community.

This seminar will showcase key developments in this area. Specifically, participants will have the opportunity to:

- contribute ideas to inform the work of the QAA in this area;
- develop their practical understanding of the Mozilla 'Open Badges' initiative 'a new online standard to recognize and verify learning, so as to establish how this may further enhance institutional and wider practice;
- develop their understanding of the importance of personal learning ecologies in lifewide learning and strategies to help learners appreciate and gain recognition for their personal learning ecologies.

Seminar contributors will be:

- **Harriet Barnes, Development Officer the Quality Assurance Agency**
- **Doug Belshaw, Badges & Skills Lead at Mozilla Foundation**
- **Norman Jackson, Founder of the Lifewide Education Community**

Programme:

10.00am Arrivals, registration, refreshments

10.30am Stimulus inputs:

- Extra-curricular awards and the QAA, where are we going? Harriet Barnes.
- Mozilla Open Badges, Doug Belshaw.
- Lifewide Learning an Ecological Perspective Norman Jackson.

12.00pm Lunch

Workshop sessions (participants choose 2 of 3):

- Extra-curricular awards and the QAA: your opportunity to contribute ideas.
- Mozilla Open Badges: a practical focus upon badge development.
- Lifewide Learning : helping learners appreciate and gain recognition for their personal learning ecologies

13.00pm Workshop session 1

14.00pm Workshop session 2

15.00pm Where next, an opportunity to clarify next steps in the lifewide learning agenda.

15.30pm Close, refreshments, depart.

