

National Research Group

Sharing of Research Submission Form

Please complete the boxes most applicable to you with brief information about the research you wish to share (one form per piece of research).

KEYWORDS: Foundation Degree, work based learning, cultural services

e.g. students, employers, skills (more than one may be appropriate)

TITLE: Development of Foundation Degrees for the cultural services sector in South West England

PURPOSE: To research and develop new Foundation Degrees (FDs) across the South West of England in the cultural services sector, i.e. museums, libraries and archives.

EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE: July 2009

METHOD (please include information about the number and type of participants):

Working with FE and HE institutions (HEIs) across the South West to develop new Foundation Degrees, including funding and supporting:

- the bringing together of employer forums
- development of new programme proposals for submission to validating HEIs
- programme development and validation
- the development of e-learning materials to support delivery

It is envisaged that the new FDs will be flexible and work-based in nature, and be delivered part-time and/or via e-learning/distance learning to suit the needs of employers, who are key to the development of appropriate content and delivery modes.

Currently working with 3 FE colleges and 2 HE institutions – all materials developed are shared across SWLLN partners and collaboration between partners is fundamental to the project.

Targets: launch of at least two new FDs, one starting in autumn 2008, one in autumn 2009.

OUTCOMES OF RESEARCH (if complete):

COMPLETED RESEARCH:

How will the findings be disseminated? Via SWLLN dissemination events, which will be widely advertised throughout the region, and via the SWLLN website: www.swlln.ac.uk

Is a final report available? No

If yes, where can it be found? Reports and updates published on www.swlln.ac.uk

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