Enhancing WIL @ RMIT

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Work integrated learning (WIL) is a strategic priority for RMIT University, which aims to position itself as the first choice provider of work and industry-relevant learning. In 2012 RMIT embarked on a number of interlinking initiatives focused on enhancing support structures for WIL. This presentation will provide an overview of the major challenges and initiatives. A key priority is to implement a university-wide software system and standardised WIL processes across RMIT’s global campuses to support administration and industry partnership development, promoting a more consistent WIL experience for all stakeholders. The WIL software system will be used to manage WIL activities, reduce risks and improve efficiency.

In 2013 standardised WIL processes and online resources were developed for students and staff and in 2014 planning, discovery and deployment of the WIL system commenced, the system is being implemented across all disciplines along with policy and procedural changes. Significant drivers for the success of the initiatives include top down vision and support and the creation of executive advisory groups, working parties, communities of practice and local champions.

This showcase presentation will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and consider the value of system implementation including consideration for overseeing the evaluation of effectiveness of the initiatives brought about by implementation.

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