Call for Papers and Presentations

The conference is participatory, allowing delegates to share experiences and learn from each other. It will feature a wide range of practitioner workshops, delivered by individuals and teams from a range of UK and international institutions. A key feature of previous ASET conferences has also been the opportunity to hear about work at a broad range of institutions, about new initiatives and projects, and of good practice systems – the 2013 conference will continue this strong tradition.

With The Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR) placing extra impetus on institutions to provide and acknowledge the opportunities taken by their students to develop beyond their academic learning, Conference 2013 will focus on how we can design and develop wide-ranging benefits for our students, employers and the institution as a whole, and develop a student-centred, quality-focused culture.

“Social” provides a key component of this student and quality focused culture. There are many aspects to the “Social” Revolution. The continued rise of the use of impact of social media in the graduate career market place and the added emphasis provided by HEAR on co-curricular social student activities also provides a challenge for how we encourage and teach students to reflect on these activities. Added to these social aspects is the growing demand by business for Emotionally Intelligent graduates and for Universities to “groom the best students with targeted preparation and coaching to be work-place ready”.

With all these “Social” conundrums, what are the challenges for us in not only using social media to add to this quality focused culture, but measure the impact of the student’s use and or misuse of it on their graduate career prospects? What new and innovative ways are there to allow students to develop and reflect on their employability skills development through these co-curricular activities, and how do we provide this targeted preparation and coaching?

Contributions Welcome

Contributions are invited under any placement or employability related topic, though in order to provide a framework for the conference, submissions will be streamed into vertical themes within the programme to allow delegates to follow a line of interest through the conference if they wish to do so.

Practitioner Workshops

Selection of practitioner workshops will be based on a written synopsis. The synopsis must include: (a) Workshop title; (b) Presenter/s and institution/s with a contact address, telephone number and email; (c) up to six key words; (d) Abstract (limited to 500 words) outlining the aims and objectives of the workshop, experiences covered, and issues to be addressed. A final paper may be submitted, and will be limited to 3000 words. Copies of slides used for any presentation element must also be submitted before the conference. Workshop sessions will be approximately 45 minutes long and should be designed to be participatory in nature - it is envisaged that the presentation element of the workshop should be no longer than 20 minutes.

- Practitioner Workshops will be selected by a process of peer review from the ASET Staff Development working group

Research Papers

ASET is keen to disseminate the findings and recommendations of employability, placement, work experience and work-based learning research. Selection of research papers will be based on a written synopsis, and can include work-in-progress. The synopsis must include: (a) Research paper title; (b) Presenter/s and institution/s with a contact address, telephone number and email; (c) up to six key words; (d) Abstract (limited to 500 words) outlining the aims and objectives of the research and the conclusions. A final paper must be submitted, and limited to 5000 words. Copies of slides used for the presentation element must also be submitted at the conference.

- Research Papers will be selected by a process of peer review from the ASET Practice and Research working group, both abstracts and the final papers will be reviewed
- The submission of the draft paper will begin a supportive mentoring process between the author and a selected member or members of the ASET Practice and Research Group, with the aim of improving the paper for its presentation. This service is free, and may or may not be taken up by authors
- Feedback is available to every author, on request, whether their synopsis is accepted or rejected

Electronic proceedings will be published with ISBN following the conference which will include presentations and reviewed papers.

Deadlines

Your synopsis, as detailed above, should reach ASET by Friday 24th May 2013
Notification of acceptance, following peer review, by Monday 17th June 2013
Your full paper, as detailed above, should reach ASET by Friday 16th August 2013

Please submit synopsis as a WORD document by email attachment to aset@asetonline.org

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