

Learning and Teaching News at Manchester Metropolitan University

Monthly Newsletter

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Learning and Teaching News: Feedback

We are continually developing the Learning and Teaching News as a regular update for all things learning and teaching at MMU. We would appreciate your thoughts and feedback on any aspect of the current issue including readability, accessibility and content.

Please send feedback to [Elizabeth Walshaw](mailto:Elizabeth.Walshaw@mmu.ac.uk)

LTA News

An Update from CELT

We were visited by Shiona Williams from Queensland University of Technology this month. We had wide-ranging discussions about personal tutoring and assessment and feedback policies. It's always useful to compare approaches with institutions from other contexts, particularly when they are of a similar size and student profile.

Faculty links in CELT have been working with programme teams in all faculties as they prepare documentation for periodic review. We cover all aspects of [documentation development](#) which relate to learning, teaching and assessment. As a newsletter reader, you probably know this already, but if you think there might be programme teams in your department who aren't aware of the service, please do let them know.

It's also a busy time of year for those reviewing [unit handbooks](#); we've attended a number of programme team or departmental events where this has been happening, and your faculty link with CELT will be happy to provide guidance and peer review if this would be useful. This also applies to moderation and other aspects of [assessment planning](#).

Finally, your [faculty link](#) will be taking annual leave over the summer period, but we will still be providing our usual range of guidance and support. If you need a response before your contact is back, celtcpd@mmu.ac.uk will be able to put you in touch with the best person.

CELT Presents at the European First Year Experience Conference

On Wednesday the 28th of June, Rachel Forsyth and I presented findings from our research project at the European First Year Experience Conference 2017, hosted this year at Birmingham City University. The focus of the research is the transition from further education to higher education for 'non-traditional' students. Delegates from 18 countries were represented at the conference, from as far afield as New Zealand and Abu Dhabi. The conference kicked off with a keynote on the digitalisation of HE from Eric Stoller. We presented at a show and tell session in the afternoon, there was generally positive feedback from our resources that we are developing for teaching staff at MMU. This research is ongoing so if you are involved with welcoming or teaching first years, please get in touch with me so we can discuss the findings in more detail and what would be beneficial to staff in terms of resources.

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TEL News

Moodle Rollover

Your new units for the 1718 academic year are available in Moodle right now!

They should appear in the Upcoming section of your My Areas page and are ready for you to populate.

REMEMBER: DO NOT COPY OVER LAST YEAR'S TURNITIN ASSIGNMENTS!

If your area has not appeared, please email the unit/programme ID including the instance eg. 49490011_1718_1 to the IT Helpline.

Turnitin is Changing

Turnitin has released a major product upgrade that will be available soon at Manchester Met. The new version of the service, called **Turnitin Feedback Studio**, offers all the functionalities of Turnitin, but with a simplified, more  interface.

The Feedback Studio replaces the Grademark and Originality features used when marking work and combines them into a single set of features accessed from a simple menu when viewing a student's paper. It retains all of the tools that were previously available to you to provide feedback or check originality. We plan to switch to Feedback Studio at the end of July.

Once this happens, you can expect to see a new interface when you open up a student's paper in Turnitin. Your students will also experience this new and improved interface when viewing Similarity Reports and receiving feedback.

You won't need to do anything, the change will happen automatically. A new Moodle activity called Turnitin Assignment 2 is already available for you to add to your new areas. See below for links to updated help guides or contact your Faculty Technology Enhanced Learning Advisor for more advice.

New Turnitin Guides

- [How do I create a summative Turnitin Assignment within Moodle?](#)
- [Video guide on creating a summative Turnitin Assignment](#)
- [How do I create a formative/draft Turnitin Assignment in Moodle?](#)
- [Video guide on creating a formative/draft Turnitin Assignment](#)
- [How do I provide feedback to students using Turnitin?](#)
- [Video guide to providing feedback to students using Turnitin](#)

Featured Good Practice



Poetry For Reflection [Watch here](#)

Dr Kirsten Jack, National Learning and Teaching Fellow and Senior Lecturer in Adult Nursing, has been working with colleagues for several years developing creative ways of teaching. As well as collage, drawing and literature, poetry has entered the arsenal of tools that Kirsten is using to help students develop self-awareness and reflective practice explicitly linked to professional identity. Student nurses are supported in writing poems about their experiences and emotions, and, as the film shows, come together to read their poems out to a small group. This activity, although challenging for the students, leads to "deeper learning" and is an opportunity to staff to draw out poignant issues relating to nursing professional practice.

Keywords: [Learning Environment and Student Experience](#) | [collaborative learning](#) | [creative teaching](#) | [pedagogic approaches](#) | [personal development](#)

Courses, Workshops and Events

Workshops



Introduction to the MMU PSF Scheme

Friday 7th July 2017
12:30pm – 14:00pm

Reflective Writing Workshops

Friday 21st July 2017
10:00am – 12:00pm

PSF Writing Retreats

Wednesday 23rd August 2017
10:00am – 14:00pm

Full details about TALE workshops and registration information at www.celt.mmu.ac.uk/tales

Events

HEDG Special Discussion Meeting

Wednesday 19th July 2017
11:00pm – 15:00pm

FLEX Surgery – considering the FLEX unit?

Thursday 15th October 2017
13:00 PM- 16:00 PM



[Details here.](#)

University of Greenwich Public lectures around Learning and Teaching

Programmed events throughout 2017

Online Events



Teaching and Learning Conversation (TLC)

The TLC lunchtime webinars is a monthly CPD opportunity to share good learning, teaching and assessment practice from across the

sector. Get in touch with the team, if you would like to be our guest and facilitate a future webinar.



The #LTHEchat is a weekly cross-institutional CPD opportunity to discuss a wide range of learning and teaching topics via

Twitter within in a community of practitioners and students from across the UK and further afield. Get in touch with the organising team if you would like to facilitate a future tweetchat.

Every Wednesday 8-9pm



#101creativeideas

101 Creative Ideas is an OER project to share ideas that foster and promote creativity in higher education.

Conferences

Further Learning and Teaching events and conferences are shared via Twitter using the hashtag **#LTHEevent**. Please use this to receive regular updates on further events and also feel free to share any you have found.

4th July 2017 - 6th July 2017
[HEA Annual Conference 2017 Generation TEF: Teaching in the spotlight \(Manchester\)](#)

4th July 2017 – 5th July 2017
[APT 2017: The future ain't what it used to be: inventing and re-imagining higher education practice \(Greenwich, London\)](#)

13th July 2017
[Beyond Engineering Maths: teaching mathematics and statistics to engineers in the 21st century \(Loughborough\)](#)

13th July 2017
[Embedding Flexible Learning in Higher Education \(London\)](#)

5th September 2017 - 7th September 2017
[ALT Annual conference 2017 \(Liverpool\)](#)

6th September 2017 - 8th September 2017
[RAISE conference \(Manchester\)](#)

8th September 2017
[Social Media - a platform on which to build an academic identity \(London\)](#)

12th September 2017
[Active Learning Conference 2017 \(Cambridge\)](#)

14th September 2017 – 15th September 2017
[DEL 2017: Teaching Making/Making Teaching \(London\)](#)

6th-7th November 2017
[Wonkfest17 \(London\)](#)
