

The Economics Network

EN Report, February 2014

Events

Autumn workshops: the EN ran 13 GTA workshops and 1 residential workshop for new lecturers - in all these were attended by over 280 participants. We have started planning the 2014 workshops, to which subscribing departments will have priority access. We are also exploring RES and SES endorsement of this training.

Early Careers Teaching Symposium: in April, we will run a practice based follow-up event to develop some of the concepts and skills explored in the autumn workshops. EN patron Tim Harford will give the keynote address.

Festival of Economics: the EN has partnered Bristol's FoE for the past two years and in 2014 will contribute to the event's programme, by running a session to promote the study of economics at HE to local schools.

Developments in Economics Education Conference: the 7th DEE conference was held at the University of Exeter in September 2013 and was attended by over 100 delegates. Speakers included John Kay, Charlie Bean and Paul Ormerod. Photos and feedback from DEE:



"It's a great environment for sharing and talking about economics teaching, not just in the sessions but outside them too."



"It's wonderful to attend a conference that was so inspiring."



Research

Collaborative research project: an EN-led research project (involving 17 subscribing departments) into how economics students' expectations, attitudes and behaviours may have changed as a result of recent developments in HE. The first year's data has been collected and analysed and the second phase of surveys is due to begin in spring 2014.

Embedding writing in the economics curriculum: the EN is planning a new collaborative project exploring the embedding of employability skills in economics curricular with a particular focus on writing.

Key Information Sets: the 2013 KIS data for economics has now been made available on the EN website. Subscribing departments were given priority access to this data.

Websites

EN website: the main website contains a wide range of resources including 27 handbook chapters covering all aspects of economics teaching and 170 case studies, all under 49 sub-categories for teaching. Collectively EN website receive around 3 million hits per year.

Student websites: the Network continues to maintain and develop these student-facing websites promote the study of HE economics and support current economics students in their studies.

Publications

International Review of Economics Education: the EN journal is now published by Elsevier, although it keeps the EN logo and name. A special edition of the journal focusing on lecture capture, and featuring a number of papers from our DEE conference will be released soon.

Economic Review: from September 2014, the EN will take over the running this journal aimed at A-level students studying economics and those considering studying it at HE level.

Discussion papers: the EN has launched a discussion paper series on economics pedagogy. A small editorial board has been established and the first call for papers released.

Newsletters: the newsletter is published twice a year - it provides the economics community with information on events, recent publications and interesting developments in economics education. A monthly email newsletter also provides a more regular update for our subscribers.

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Awards

Learning and Teaching Awards: the EN national award scheme has been in place since 2001. In 2013 the awards were presented at the DEE conference dinner by a number of our patrons in the categories of: Outstanding Teacher, Best New Lecturer and Outstanding Student Support. Over 80 nominations were received and four winners and four commendiations were given.

Subscriptions, partners and patrons

Subscribing departments: currently 52 UK economics departments have subscribed to the EN for the academic year 2013/2014. The cost of subscription is calculated according to the department's FTE staff numbers. The EN is also supported by the Royal Economic Society and the Scottish Economic Society.











Partners: the EN is partnered with the Government Economic Service (GES), Educational Innovation in Economics and Business (EDiNEB), the Association of European Economics Education (AEEE), the Association of Corporate Treasurers (ACT) and the American Economic Association (AEA).

Patrons: the EN has a number of prominent patrons, who regularly speak at our events, including Diane Coyle, Charlie Bean, John Kay, Tim Harford, Paul Johnson and Paul Ormerod. We are delighted to announce that Andy Ross, of High Oak Green Investments and formerly of the Government Economic Service will joining us as a patron in 2014.

Further information on all Economics Network activities is available on our website: www.economicsnetwork.ac.uk

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