

UNIVERSITY OF
ABERDEEN

13TH ANNUAL ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT
SYMPOSIUM | THURSDAY 5 MAY 2022

**GLOBAL COMMUNITIES: BUILDING
COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING
COLLABORATION PROGRAMME**

10:00-11:00 REGISTRATION AND POSTERS (VOTING CLOSES AT 14:45)

James McKay Hall, King's College Centre
MS Teams General Room and Poster Room

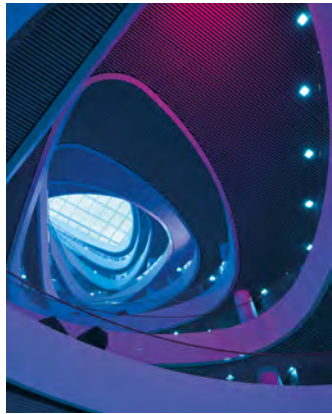


11:00-11:05 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

KQG5 Auditorium, King's College Centre MS
Teams Room A (Keynote)

PROFESSOR STEVE TUCKER

Institutional Resilient Learning Communities
Enhancement Theme Lead



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11:05-12:05 KEYNOTE

KQG5 Auditorium, King's College Centre
MS Teams Room A (Keynote)

PROFESSOR CATRIONA CUNNINGHAM

Head of Department of Learning & Teaching
Enhancement, Edinburgh Napier University



JASMINE MILLINGTON

Student Intern for QAA Scotland Enhancement
Theme Project on Decolonising the Curriculum

DECOLONISING THE CURRICULUM ACROSS THE DISCIPLINES - WHAT CAN WE DO?

The question in the title of this presentation is one I am often asked by colleagues from across the sector. The challenge – beyond the term itself – is that before we can even begin to look at what we teach, we need to start by looking inwards and asking ourselves to reflect critically on who we are as teachers, surfacing assumptions that can be uncomfortable and even unknown.

In this presentation, I will share our work on a **QAA Scotland Enhancement Theme** project in this area to explore sensitive issues in relation to positionality and responsibility and to highlight why we – as a sector, as an institution and as individuals – need to begin this conversation at this time.



12:05-12:45 LUNCH AND POSTERS (VOTING CLOSSES AT 14:45)

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MS Teams Café/Social Area and Poster Room

CHOOSE ONE PANEL FROM EACH PAIR OF SESSIONS BELOW (SESSION: 1 OR 2 AND 3 OR 4)

12:45-13:30 SESSION 1**LEARNING TOGETHER: CONTINUING TO SUPPORT AN INCLUSIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND DIVERSE LEARNING CULTURE**

Building on the 2021 Symposium discussions, this panel will share and explore practices as we work towards the “Inclusive” commitments of the University’s 2040 strategy. The strategy provides that we will welcome staff and students of all backgrounds. “Our commitment to inclusion will guide our education. We aspire to lead our sector in promoting health and wellbeing, and celebrating diversity”. In particular, we will explore presentations regarding Commitment 1 “We will care for the wellbeing, health and safety of our diverse community, supporting and developing our people to achieve their full potential” and Commitment 2 “We will encourage widening access to study by having fair and flexible entry routes, offering diverse qualifications, and providing a range of modes of delivery; our students will be able to succeed whatever their personal and social background”.

CHAIR: PROFESSOR ABBE BROWN Dean for Student Support

MOSES IKPEME Lecturer (Scholarship), School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

DR HEATHER MORGAN Lecturer (Scholarship), School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

DR MARY PRYOR Senior Academic Skills Adviser, Student Learning Service, Centre for Academic Development

SIAN WALLACE & ROMA DHASMANA Disabled Students’ Forum

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12:45-13.30 SESSION 2

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO LEARNING

We will explore interdisciplinary approaches to learning. It will include discussions about some of the challenges we may need to overcome working across disciplines and lessons we can learn from others. In addition, reflect on the rewards of seeing students starting to think about their studies from different disciplinary perspectives and what they have gained from an interdisciplinary approach to learning.

CHAIR: PROFESSOR JENNIE MACDIARMID

Director of the Interdisciplinary Centre for Health,
Nutrition and Wellbeing

DR LOUISE ROSS Lecturer (Scholarship),
School of Biological Sciences

DR SHAHIDA SHAHANA Lecturer (Scholarship),
School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

NADA JODEH 3rd Year Medical Student
School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition

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MS Teams Room C

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13:45-14:30 SESSION 3

UNDERSTANDING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' EMPLOYABILITY NEEDS

There will be short presentations which will explore a number of themes relevant to international students including the support provided by Aberdeen in assisting students to gain employment in their origin country, the jobs that our international graduates end up in and the skills demands of international companies.

- CHAIR:** **DR HARMINDER BATTU** Dean for International Student Pathways
DR JOHN BARROW Dean for Entrepreneurship & Employability
REGINA JASCHKE Senior Careers Advisor,
 Careers and Employability Service
DR PETER MORGAN Director - Internationalisation, Business School
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13:45-14:30 SESSION 4

MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABILITY INTO EVERYDAY UNIVERSITY LIFE

In our 2040 strategy, under its "Sustainable" ambition, the University of Aberdeen states, "We understand and nurture our environment, and take care of our resources, including our people and finances. We work responsibly" and commits (Commitment 17) to: "We will educate all our students and staff to be leaders in protecting the environment." In this session we examine how we will meet this commitment, so that sustainability is mainstreamed into the everyday life of all University staff and students.

- CHAIR:** **PROFESSOR PETE SMITH** Professor of Soils & Global Change
DR PAULA DUFFY Lecturer, School of Geosciences
PROFESSOR DONALD GRAY School of Education
TRISTAN WOLFE Energy Manager, Estates & Facilities
SHAZIA NUSKY 4th Year Medical Student
 School of Medicine, Medical Sciences and Nutrition
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ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS SHOWCASE

CHAIR: PROFESSOR STEVE TUCKER Institutional Resilient Learning
Communities Enhancement Theme Lead

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This interactive session will explore the exciting and innovative Enhancement Theme Projects with short presentations from the project teams followed by a Q&A session. The specific projects were funded as part of **1st year of the Theme 1**, and so have reached the final stages – this means the Teams can share their findings and outputs during the session providing an excellent opportunity to swap and share effective practice!

1. **TRACEY INNES** Head of Careers and Employability Service:
UNDERSTANDING, DEVELOPING AND DEMONSTRATING RESILIENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF EMPLOYABILITY
2. Nir Oren, Matthew Collinson, Ben Martin, Murilo Da Silva Baptista School of Natural and Computing Sciences and **MORGIANE RICHARD** Centre for Academic Development: **INVESTIGATING SOLUTIONS TO MAKE MATHEMATICAL TEACHING CONTENT ACCESSIBLE**
3. **JACQUI HUTCHISON** and Heather Branigan, School of Psychology: **EXPLORING THE EXPERIENCES OF ARTICULATION STUDENTS' TRANSITION TO UNIVERSITY**
4. **AMY IRWIN**, Ceri Trevethan, Heather Branigan, School of Psychology and Joy Perkins, Centre for Academic Development: **BUILDING STUDENT RESILIENCE THROUGH COURSE DEVELOPMENT – MOVING FROM SURVIVING TO THRIVING**
5. **LYN BATCHELOR** and Fiona Robson, Qatar Campus, University of Aberdeen: **THE BRIDGE BETWEEN: ARAB VOICES AND STORIES OF COPING**



15:30-15:45 BREAK AND POSTERS

James McKay Hall, King's College Centre, MS Teams Social Area

15:45-16:05**TRANSFORMING LEARNING THROUGH COLLABORATION:
REFLECTIONS FROM THE TQFE/BAPD CATE-WINNING TEAM**

Dr Aileen Ackland, Chris Aldred, Professor Yvonne Bain, Sarah Cornelius, Dr Rachel Shanks, Mary Stephen, **DR STEPHANIE THOMSON**, School of Education and **CHRISTINE CALDER**, Dundee and Angus College

This session will explore the work of the Teaching Qualification in Further Education (TQFE) and BA Professional Development (BAPD) team, based in the School of Education, who were recently awarded the Collaborative Award in Teaching Excellence (CATE) - a national award from Advance HE. The team will explain their own context, what the award is looking for and how they were able to demonstrate the impact, value and reach of their work together.

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TOP (L/R) Dr Rachel Shanks, Dr Aileen Ackland, Dr Stephanie Thomson, Christine Calder

BOTTOM (L/R) Sarah Cornelius, Chris Aldred, Mary Stephen, Professor Yvonne Bain



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**PRINCIPAL'S TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD
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**SYMPOSIUM POSTER COMPETITION
AWARDS**

Presented by **PROFESSOR RUTH TAYLOR** Vice-Principal (Education)

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