Welcome to the 8th edition of the LTDP Newsletter.

We send out a regular newsletter to all LTDP participants to keep you up to date with workshop availability and other matters relating to the programme, and to share examples of best practice and innovation in learning and teaching.

Outline of the LTDP
The programme consists of the following elements:

4 compulsory Educational Development Unit workshops:
- STAR Introductory Workshop
- Introduction to Teaching for Learning
- Introduction to Supervising PhD Students
- Introduction to Personal Tutoring

4 compulsory FoNS Workshops:
- Workshop 1- Departmental Teaching Practices
- Workshop 2- Lecturing Skills
- Workshop 3- Learning Technologies for Teaching
- Workshop 4- Designing for Learning

3 Elective EDU Workshops: chosen from those at: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/staff/educational-development/workshops/

3 Teaching Observation Sessions

The HEA Fellowship Application
Full details of the above stages can be found on the LTDP website.

Upcoming FoNS LTDP Workshops:

Workshop 2 - Lecturing Skills:
- Wednesday 08 March from 12.30
- Wednesday 12 May from 12.30

Workshop 4 – Designing for Learning:
- Wednesday 1st March from 14.00
- Wednesday 24th May from 14.00
- Wednesday 14th June from 14.00

Updates can also be found on the website at: www.imperial.ac.uk/natural-sciences/education-and-teaching/fons-learning-and-teaching-development-programme/

To book a place, please email: fonsltdp@imperial.ac.uk

Good Practice Guides
The Faculty Education team have put together a number of Good Practice Guides and other documents relating to teaching, learning and support that you may find useful. They can be found on the Education and Teaching webpages at: https://www.imperial.ac.uk/natural-sciences/education-and-teaching/sharing-good-practice/

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE
Staff are required to complete the LTDP within 2 years of their appointment, as a requirement of their probation.

Probation will be extended for those staff who have not either completed the programme, or gained exemption from it.

In addition, the LTDP is also a requirement for promotion.

If you are unsure which elements of the LTDP you have yet to complete, please contact the LTDP Coordinator via email at: fonsltdp@imperial.ac.uk
Innovations in Learning

Imperial has many great examples of innovative learning and teaching. From online support and real-time feedback, to hands on research and learning through discovery, find out more about innovations in education in the case studies listed here:

https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/leadership-and-strategy/provost/vice-provost-education/innovations-in-learning/

Education Day 2017- Innovation in teaching and learning: successes and challenges

This year, the College’s Education Day will explore what is meant by innovation in teaching and learning, its purposes and how it may be evaluated and sustained. Attend this event to hear from external speakers as well as Imperial College colleagues sharing examples of teaching and learning strategies from across College. There will also be the opportunity to participate in interactive and engaging breakout workshops.

Keynote speech by Professor Dilly Fung, Professor of Higher Education Development & Academic Director, UCL Centre for Advancing Learning and Teaching

WHEN
Wednesday 15 March 2017, 12.30-17.30

WHERE
Sir Alexander Fleming Building
South Kensington Campus

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER:
https://www.imperial.ac.uk/staff/educational-development/networks-and-events/education-day/

College Learning and Teaching Strategy Consultation

The development of a new College-wide Learning and Teaching Strategy, led by vice-Provost (Education), Simone Buitendijk is now underway.

The key themes emerging from the recent student and staff consultation have been reviewed and a summary of these is shown below:

Key elements of an Imperial education
- Transferable skills development, disciplinary depth and preparation for professional careers Inclusion of ‘real life’ examples, applications with benefit to society
- Research-based
- Development of critical thinking and problem solving
- Opportunity to learn through failure
- Students are stretched and challenged
- Inter-disciplinary learning

Learning and teaching methods
- Small group tutorials are highly valued
- Active learning and group work are very helpful
- Lectures can be very effective, however some content could be better delivered using active learning
- Lab/practical classes are valued, especially when there is a high TA:student ratio

The consultation outcomes will now be used to inform the development of the new Strategy.

The most up to date information on the development of the College’s new Learning and Teaching Strategy can be found here:

https://www.imperial.ac.uk/about/leadership-and-strategy/provost/vice-provost-education/learning-and-teaching-strategy/

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