

ALPS Conference 2010

Work-based Learning and Assessment for the Next Decade

**16 - 17 March 2010
Weetwood Hall, Leeds, UK**

Conference Aims

ALPS' aim over the past five years has been to increase the confidence and competence of students graduating in health and social care. With a high proportion of many undergraduate courses being taught within practice settings, work-based learning and assessment has increasingly been at the forefront of education development.

The ALPS Conference 2010 to be held in Leeds will facilitate the dissemination of ALPS' work and act as a springboard from which programme outputs and embedding projects may be launched. The conference will also:

- identify the trends and potential developments of work-based learning and assessment over the next 10 years
- review current and up-and-coming learning technologies
- highlight factors affecting the employability of graduating students

The Conference will be of interest to all those working in health and social care education, as well as researchers, professionals, and anyone concerned with the future of work-based learning and assessment.

Conference Format and Themes

ALPS is looking forward to an exciting and thought-provoking Conference which will include plenary speakers and a range of sessions in a variety of formats. The Conference will explore various aspects of the development and delivery of work-based learning and assessment.

The two themes of the Conference are:

1. Working in partnership to improve employability

- Ensuring and assuring professional competence
- How should Higher Education respond to the changing employment landscape? (e.g., the changing face of the NHS)
- 'All together now' – interprofessional working, learning and assessment
- Working in collaboration
- Services for students (support during fieldwork, work experience, practice placements etc.)

2. Learning and assessment in the technological age

- Learning without walls
- Student expectations of learning and assessment
- Mobile learning in a mobile world
- Technology as an enhancement to learning
- Long-arm supervision of students at work-based placements
- Sustainability and scalability of learning and assessment innovations

Conference participants have been invited to submit proposals for oral presentations, workshops, poster presentations and roundtable discussion sessions within the Conference themes.

- **Oral Presentation:** 20-25 minute presentation at the conference allowing for 5-10 minutes of questions at the end.
- **Workshop:** 90 minute workshop session.
- **Poster Presentation:**
- **Roundtable Discussion Session:** 90 minute session comprising of a 10 minute introduction followed by a discussion.

Conference Venue

The Conference is being held at a popular conference centre and hotel in West Yorkshire. Weetwood Hall is just four miles from both Leeds City Centre and Leeds/Bradford International Airport. It boasts extensive free parking and ready access to many amenities. Since 1993 Weetwood Hall has enjoyed its reputation as one of the foremost Conference Centres in the North of England. For more information visit:

<http://www.weetwood.co.uk>

About ALPS

Assessment and Learning in Practice Settings (ALPS) is one of 74 HEFCE funded Centres for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETLs). ALPS is a collaborative programme between five Universities; Bradford, Huddersfield, Leeds (lead) Leeds Metropolitan and York St John, commercial partners MyKnowledgeMap, ecommnet and T-Mobile, and NHS Yorkshire and the Humber. ALPS' aim is to increase the confidence and competence of graduating health and social care students.

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