

LSBU and NewVIc's BTEC Progression Partnership



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History Between LSBU and NewVic

- ❧ Worked with NewVic students on Headway course back in 2006!
- ❧ Progression Agreement re Arts and Human Sciences courses giving NewVic students favourable entry - 2007
- ❧ Street Law Project delivered to Law NewVic students - LSBU tutors and students trained NewVic students in Criminal procedure and taking part in a mock trial NewVic students then took their part in performing in the mock trial
- ❧ Visits to LSBU staff to talk to NewVic students
- ❧ Delivery of level 4 Law module to NewVic Law students
- ❧ Further Maths and Physics academic support at LSBU to NewVic BTEC Engineering students
- ❧ Delivery of two Games Modules of IT BTEC at LSBU

Taking a Leap



☞ Just ask

- ☞ However, know exactly what you want – clear vision
- ☞ Allow the partner time to consider
- ☞ Accept you cannot have everything you want

How the Partnership Started



- ❧ Strong relationship between Louise Andronicou (LSBU Director of Educational Partnerships for School of Arts & Creative Industries) and Jamie Gillooly (Head of Computer Science)
 - ❧ History of working together successfully
 - ❧ Respecting each others aims
 - ❧ Lots of meetings
 - ❧ Convincing Course Director of the BA (Hons) Game Design and Development (Dr. Siobhán Thomas)
 - ❧ Convincing VP of NewVic (Ray Farris)

Willing Senior Managers



- ❧ Must get buy in
 - ❧ Speak to the people who can authorise
 - ❧ Academics working together
 - ❧ Failing that, support your partner in making the case
 - ❧ Prepare to have lots of meetings

How it Developed



- ❧ Lots of meetings
- ❧ Both parties understanding each other
 - ❧ Safeguarding - DBS
 - ❧ Partnership agreement (roles)
 - ❧ Marketing - Copyright assets
 - ❧ Agreeing timetables
 - ❧ Staffing
 - ❧ Holidays
 - ❧ The sign off

What was Agreed



- ❧ Two BTEC level 3 units to be taught
 - ❧ Units 22 and 40
- ❧ Three hours per week on a Thursday afternoon
- ❧ NewVic's member of staff would be in attendance
- ❧ LSBU would have student ambassadors to support
- ❧ Term dates
- ❧ DBS requirements
- ❧ Marketing agreement

Success criteria



❧ NewVic

- ❧ Improve students' confidence
- ❧ Improve unit grades
- ❧ Improve students' understanding of university
- ❧ To stretch and challenge NewVic's students
- ❧ CPD for NewVic's teacher

❧ LSBU

- ❧ Widen access to HE
- ❧ Academic LSBU staff greater knowledge of level 3 qualifications
- ❧ Enhance relationship with valued partner college
- ❧ Promotion of LSBU courses
- ❧ More students

Why Computer Science?



☞ Stretch and challenge NewVic's most able vocational students

Benefits to New Vlc and its students

- ❧ Access to cutting edge technology
- ❧ Access to world class lecturers
- ❧ Improving the confidence of our students
- ❧ Demonstrate the higher requirements of HE
- ❧ CPD for our teacher
- ❧ Continuing our strong link with LSBU

Benefits to LSBU and its students



- ❧ Greater awareness and familiarity with BTEC qualification
- ❧ Provides employability for LSBU students who help with assessments
- ❧ Increase in numbers applying from NewVic

What do they think?



❧ 2016-2017:

❧ *“Best time of the week”*

❧ *“I love coming to LSBU”*

❧ *“I am really being pushed to achieve”*

❧ *“I really hope I can come back next year”*

❧ 2017-2018

❧ [Video Link](#)

Progress so Far



- ❧ Attendance very high (98%)
- ❧ Unit 40 completed to a very high standard
 - ❧ 14% more Distinctions then previous year
- ❧ Unit 22 completed to a very high standard
 - ❧ 25% more Distinctions then previous year

- ❧ Total across two units:
 - ❧ 38 Distinctions
 - ❧ 2 Merits

The Future



- ❧ NewVic in discussions with LSBU's School of Engineering to allow NewVic's Networking students to continue partnership.
- ❧ Likely change of focus away from the Computer Science students.

Any Questions?



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