

## IR network seminar at Kingston University, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009

### About the event

**Theme:** Engaging with the student experience through Institutional Research

The seminar will focus on how IR is used to provide an evidence base to inform work to improve the student experience and how this is utilized by policy makers and practitioners.

**Target audience:** Higher Education practitioners in Institutional Research, Planning, Policy, Quality and Academic Development.

To sign up for the event, please complete the booking form (also attached to the email) and return it to [s.may@kingston.ac.uk](mailto:s.may@kingston.ac.uk). Please note that space is limited, and bookings will be on a first come first served basis. Institutions are requested to send a maximum of two delegates per institution. Bookings close on 16th February 2009.

### Logistics

**Cost:** The event is free of charge

**Time:** 9h45 to 15h30

**Venue:** Collaborative Learning zone, John Galsworthy Building, Kingston University (Penrhyn Rd campus). Detailed directions will be sent prior to the event.

For directions and public transport options to Kingston see [www.kingston.ac.uk/aboutkingstonuniversity/location/howtofindus/](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/aboutkingstonuniversity/location/howtofindus/)

Please note that no parking will be available at the University. Public pay-and-display car parks nearby include:

- The Bittoms – virtually opposite the Penrhyn Road campus;
- The Rose – to reach the Penrhyn Road campus from The Rose car park, walk up Kingston Hall Road, turn right at the roundabout and walk along Penrhyn Road; and
- Eden Walk – a five to ten minute walk from the Penrhyn Road campus.

For full details of public car parking in Kingston, please visit [www.kingston.gov.uk](http://www.kingston.gov.uk).

A list of accommodation in the area is available at [http://www.kingston.ac.uk/accommodation/visiting-kingston/documents/hotels\\_guesthouses.pdf](http://www.kingston.ac.uk/accommodation/visiting-kingston/documents/hotels_guesthouses.pdf).

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Time	Session
9h45 to 10h15	Registration/ Tea and coffee
10h15 – 10h30	Welcome and introduction by Robin Middlehurst, Professor of Higher Education at Kingston University; Director of Strategy, Research and International at the Leadership Foundation for Higher Education.
10h30 – 12h00	Case Studies (Chaired by Michael Hill, Director of Academic Development, Kingston University) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Researching the student experience and moving towards evidence based institutional changes. Bruce Armstrong &amp; Steve May, Kingston University.</li> <li>2. The use of research to inform the new learning teaching and assessment strategy and policy on personal tutoring. Julie Hall and Gemma Kelly, Roehampton University.</li> </ol>
12h00 – 12h45	Lunch
12h45 – 14h15	Workshop Fitness for Purpose: Collecting and Using Feedback from Students at the institutional level. James Williams, Birmingham City University.
14h30 – 15h15	Discussion led by Michael Hill. Panel: James Williams, Julie Hall, Bruce Armstrong & Steve Woodfield (Kingston University)
15h15	Summing up by Robin Middlehurst
15h30	Close

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