Students as Co-creators symposium: ‘What works?’
31 January 2024 delivered virtually

Call for proposals and guide to submissions

Overview
The active participation of students in co-creating their learning experience can add value and insights to the student experience for students, staff and their institutions, however authentic and inclusive co-creation can be challenging to achieve. Advance HE’s first co-creation symposium in January 2023 explored key principles underlying co-creation and the potential benefits for those involved. In this second symposium we want to critically explore the factors that contribute to success in co-creation, across all areas of the university experience.

Themes
We invited students to identify any themes they considered important to discuss at the symposium to model co-creation and authenticity; the responses have been built into the programme.

Based on these and other suggestions we invite submissions that address the integration of co-creation as a continuous process within the student experience, with a particular focus on one or more of the following themes:

1. Successful co-creation against the backdrop of the cost-of-living crisis;
2. Co-creation that effectively recognises and rewards its stakeholders, not least its student partners / participants;
3. Co-creation that showcases high quality collaboration between staff, students, and their SU representatives;
4. Co-creation that showcases the positive impacts that strategic / institutional support can have on the activity.

We are interested in submissions across the full range of activities in the co-creation cycle: co-commissioning, co-designing, co-delivery and/or co-evaluation. Proposals that thoughtfully and critically explore how some of the challenges to authentic partnerships have been successfully addressed are particularly welcome.

Proposals/session type options
Submissions can include case studies, reflections, oral presentations or vlogs/blogs (please see details below). Preference will be given to proposals that are co-authored by and co-delivered with students and we will work with authors to provide any technology and support to include student voices in their presentation.
**Oral Presentations** should be 15 minutes in length and will be followed by 5 minutes of Q&A with delegates. This session type should be selected if your proposed session is a critical essay or reports on a co-creation project within your institution and should offer guidance on how others can be successful in their co-creation projects within their own institutions based on your evaluations. Your session should include a PPT presentation or visual stimulus to accompany your talk (10 slides maximum).

**Reflections** should be 10 minutes in length. These will be grouped alongside other reflective pieces followed by a group Q&A session. Reflections can be from staff or students sharing their experiences of co-creation projects they have been involved in. Please remember, we are particularly keen to hear your thoughts on ‘What works?’. The 10-minute reflections can include more than one student or staff member. The use of PPT slides for this session type is optional (5 slides maximum).

**Case studies** should be 15 minutes in length and will be followed by 5 minutes of Q&A. Case studies should focus on the impact of co-creation projects, both on the success of the project in achieving its aims and in the value gained by students and staff from their involvement. This session type should involve a mix of staff and student input. The use of PPT slides for this session type is optional (10 slides maximum).

**Vlogs/Blogs** are invited that are stimulating and include a mix of information about your project and reflections from staff and students on how and why it worked. Ideally Vlogs/Blogs should be co-created with students and must not exceed 3 minutes in length. As a minimum, a lead presenter will need to attend the symposium in order to respond to any comments or questions about the Vlog/Blog from delegates.

**Timeline**
Submissions need to be processed through this link [here](#). Should you have any queries please email events@advance-he.ac.uk.

All submissions must be received by close of business on Monday **30 October 2023**.

Decisions on proposals will be sent out to lead authors no later than Friday **10th November 2023**.