The Advance HE Student Engagement Conference 2024 will be held in person on 18 April 2024 at Horizon Leeds as we delve into issues and challenges around student engagement in fostering holistic approaches to success.

The programme includes 8 sector-led workshops designed to showcase excellent practice of:

- Student engagement and co-curricular opportunities
- Student engagement and happiness/satisfaction
- Student engagement and strategic approaches to learning

Building on previous Advance HE Student Engagement Conferences we aim to support delegates and presenters explore both theory and practice in the context of current challenges. The cost of living, mental health and well-being and the persistent impact of the pandemic on learning loss and social reintegration can all impact on student’s motivation and ability to engage.
Programme

09:30  Registration

10:00  Welcome
Jonathan Neves, Head of Business Intelligence and Surveys Consultancy and Commercial Solution, Advance HE

10:05  Keynote: Fostering a holistic approach to student engagement and success in higher education
Tom Lowe, Senior Lecturer in Higher Education, University of Portsmouth

10:45  Interactive session: Navigating the Educational Landscape: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Student Engagement in Higher Education
Vic Stephenson, Senior Consultant, Education, DKQ, Advance HE

11:45  Refreshment break

12:00  Workshop 1
Room: Create@1
Chair: Vic Stephenson
Humans aren't going away: Critical thinking and the QFT!
Adrian O'Connor, University of Roehampton

Workshop 2
Room: Create@2
Chair: Jonathan Neves
U-Belong: Challenges and opportunities for student engagement and belonging
Dr Michael Priestley, King's College London

Workshop 3
Room: Inspire@
Chair: Jonathan Neves
WARM - Waltham Active Relationship Management
Muhammad Touseef, Waltham International College

Workshop 4
Room: Think@
Chair: Dan Tinkler
Let’s talk about - A card game to enhance students’ sense of belonging
Dr Shalinee Dhayal and Dr Dominic Wiredu Boakye, University of Exeter

13.00  Lunch

14:00  Workshop 5
Room: Create@1
Chair: Vic Stephenson
Using gamification to engage students in transformative learning approaches
Dr Lorraine Gibson van Mil, University of Strathclyde

Workshop 6
Room: Create@2
Chair: Charlie Jackett
The Complete Graduate: Designing a VLE-based skills & knowledge framework to support student confidence & awareness
Dr Laura McCaughey, Dr Anna McGregor, Dr Lesley Hamilton, Austin McCombie, University of Glasgow

Workshop 7
Room: Inspire@
Chair: Jonathan Neves
Empowering students to succeed: Innovation within the Plus Programme at the University of Leeds to ensure student engagement at scale
Jennifer Coates, University of Leeds

Workshop 8
Room: Think@
Chair: Dan Tinkler
The power of students working in partnership with professional bodies: “I've learnt that not everyone in a suit is arrogant!”
Dr Jenni Jones and Dr John Phillips, University of Wolverhampton

15:00  Refreshment break

15:15  Panel Session
Chair: Dan Tinkler, Governance Development Manager, Advance HE
Josh Freeman, Policy Manager, HEPI
Simon Varwell, Director of Student Engagement and Representation, Highlands and Islands Students' Association
Cheryl Chingosho, VP Welfare, University of South Wales Students’ Union
Laura Bold, VP Welfare & Community, Students’ Union Bath Spa

16:10  Plenary

16:15  Close – Dan Tinkler, Governance Development Manager, Advance HE