

Newsletter – January 2015

New Landscape

The New Landscape project has been working to define a vision and blueprint for the redesigned HE data and information landscape. Throughout December and January the project has engaged extensively with stakeholders across the sector in order to understand and document the current landscape and determine a blueprint for how the sector can operate more efficiently and with greater collaboration in the future.

The New Landscape aims to address some of the data burden experienced by institutions. To understand the current extent of this burden a survey was circulated to Registrars and Planners to quantify the effort associated with this. A number of responses have been received and analysis of these responses will be included in the project report.

The report will be published in March and will outline the current state, the desired blueprint and the implementation plan for moving towards the new landscape. During February the report will be presented to and discussed with the HEDIIP Advisory Panel and the Programme Board.

Links:

New Landscape project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/new-landscape/>

New Subject Coding System

The Subject Coding project team (Cetis) have been translating the requirements documented in the [Stage 1 Report](#) into design decisions, populating the new coding scheme with draft terms. The scheme has been termed HECoS – Higher Education Coding of Subjects. An overview of the HECoS proposal can be found [here](#).

Cetis have selected an online tool for the publishing of the draft scheme. This will enable stakeholders to browse and provide feedback on the scheme and terms during public consultation from February through to May 2015. The publication of the documents and the start of the consultation will be publicised via the HEDIIP Jiscmail list and Twitter account. Full information on how to respond to the consultation will appear on the project [open consultation website](#). There will also be a number of opportunities to engage with the project team at forthcoming sector conferences.

The project is also developing an adoption plan and governance model for the new scheme. A workshop to inform these developments was held in Cheltenham with a number of stakeholders in January. A survey was also circulated to a handful of key stakeholders. The project is using the outputs of the workshop and survey to draft an adoption plan and governance model that will be released for public consultation over the coming months.

Links:

Stage 1 Report http://www.hediip.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/Stage_1_report_2014-11-13.pdf
Subject Coding project http://hediip.ac.uk/subject_coding/
Open consultation website <https://subjectcoding.wordpress.com>

The Unique Learner Number

The HEDIIP Programme Management Office (PMO) has been undertaking analysis of initial stakeholder engagement in order to draft a blueprint for the adoption of the ULN in Higher Education. The blueprint has identified a number of adoption options, taking into consideration different student cohorts and adoption of the

ULN across the UK. Throughout January the PMO has been engaging with key stakeholders to explore these options in detail and have taken this as an opportunity to engage stakeholders in refining project benefits and determining possible measurement metrics. The project is also working to develop a lightweight survey to quantify institutional benefits. Engagement with key stakeholders will continue into February and the project timescales have been extended to solicit sufficient consultation on the adoption options.

The project has scheduled a workshop for 16 February, bringing stakeholders together to explore changed processes as a result of ULN adoption in HE. The workshop will also explore and inform the adoption plan.

Links:

Unique Learner Number project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/the-uln/>

Data Capability

The project is on track to deliver a self-assessment maturity matrix, best practice toolkit, pilots and other deliverables around the benefits and activities of best practice data management. This month the project has developed the assessment matrix and benefit/risk profiling through research, best practice assessment tailored for the sector, and a very successful first workshop with the Data Capability Technical Group. Minutes and collateral of this first workshop are available [here](#).

The project will be publishing the first draft of the assessment matrix, benefit cases and associated material on 9 February as per the engagement plan. The Data Capability project will also be running a 'data assessment' clinic at the Student Records Officers Conference (SROC) to test the assessment with those attending the conference.

Links:

Data Capability project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/data-capability/>

Minutes of Technical Group <http://hediip.ac.uk/first-data-capability-technical-group/>

Engagement Plan <http://hediip.ac.uk/data-capability-news-2015-01-09/>

Other PMO activity

On 30 January a joint HEDIIP/UCISA event was held in Cheltenham aimed at suppliers of systems to HE institutions. Software providers were updated on the range of current HEDIIP developments.

About HEDIIP

The Higher Education Data & Information Improvement Programme has been established to redesign the information landscape in order to arrive at a new system that reduces the burden on data providers and improves the quality, timeliness and accessibility of data and information about HE. The programme is hosted by HESA and is funded by:



HEDIIP is overseen by a Programme Board and supported by an Advisory Panel.

Links:

Programme Board <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/hediip-programme-board/>

Advisory Panel <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/hediip-advisory-panel/>

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