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HEDIIP launches Data Language project

HEDIIP has launched a project to develop a common core student dataset that can underpin a rationalised data collection landscape. This is one of the key building blocks that was identified in the HEDIIP New Landscape report.

This work will involve extensive engagement with current data collectors and HE providers to establish an agreed set of definitions that can meet a broad range of requirements. The project is scheduled to run until July 2016 at which point the deliverables will be handed over to HESA for implementation through the Data Futures Programme. Colleagues will be provided with the opportunity to comment on the development of deliverables throughout the duration of the project.

This project will build on an earlier HEDIIP study into the range of terms used to describe key entities in the sectors data definitions. It will also draw on a range of data specification/standardisation initiatives that have been undertaken in recent years.

Data Language project	http://www.hediip.ac.uk/he-data-language/
HEDIIP study on key terms	http://www.hediip.ac.uk/PUMA/

Improving the sectors data management capability

Since July the Data Capability project has delivered a number of workshops to help institutions implement the process outlined in the published Data Capability toolkit. These workshops have generated a lot of sector interest and many institutions have begun to embark on the processes outlined in the toolkit.

Once the current round of workshops comes to an end in October the project team will be analysing the self-assessment data to understand the current issues and trends in the sectors data capability.

The project team are currently in discussions with the HESA Training team about a Data Capability conference in early 2016. A community of practice group has been created on LinkedIn to provide ongoing support to those initiating the process, however the conference will provide the opportunity for colleagues to come together to share experiences in a much more open and discursive environment.

Data Capability Toolkit	http://hediip.ac.uk/dc_toolkit/
Community of Practice	https://www.linkedin.com/groups/HE-Data-Capability-best-practice-8319542/about

The Unique Learner Number

Since publication of the ULN Blueprint report in July the HEDIIP PMO has been working with implementation partners and key stakeholders to coordinate adoption of the ULN in HE. A number of work packages were identified in the report to be undertaken during the initiation stage, owned by HEDIIP, UCAS, HESA and the Skills Funding Agency.

Working with the HE ULN Adoption Group an Adoption Management Plan has been produced to coordinate the adoption process. This plan describes the work packages in the Initiation and Phase 1 stages and will be expanded

to include other phases as adoption progresses. The plan also sets out a recommended communication strategy for each work package and provides further explanation as to when certain benefits are expected to be realised. The plan has already started to be implemented and work package owners will be communicating progress to the HEDIIP PMO on a monthly basis.

ULN Blueprint report	http://hediip.ac.uk/the-uln-in-he/
HE ULN Adoption Management Plan	http://hediip.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/HEDIIP_ULN_Adoption-Management-Plan_2015-09-09_published_version.pdf
HE ULN Adoption Group	http://hediip.ac.uk/he-uln-adoption-group/

New Subject Coding System

The public consultation on a new subject coding system called HECoS ended in May. The project team has been working through the consultation responses and working with the HEDIIP PMO to finalise the coding scheme, the governance plan, the adoption plan, and the recommendations for a common approach to subject-based analysis. Once approved by the PMO the deliverables will be circulated to the HEDIIP Advisory Panel for review.

The PMO has also been using the draft governance and adoption plan to design the third stage of the project which will be focused on implementing these plans.

Subject coding project	http://www.hediip.ac.uk/subject_coding/

HESA launches consultation on the Data Futures programme

HESA has launched a consultation on the transformation of its data collection operations – a programme called HESA Data Futures. In addition to providing a more efficient and effective service for HESAs stakeholders, this initiative is a key enabler to the achievement of the broader HEDIIP vision for the future information landscape.

The consultation is running until 18 December.

HESA Data Futures	https://www.hesa.ac.uk/datafutures

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.

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