Assimilate Conference:

Assessing students at Masters Level

Thursday 6th September 2012, 9.00-5.00

The Rosebowl, Leeds Metropolitan University

**About us:**

Assimilate is a three-year National Teaching Fellowship(s) funded project investigating innovative assessment at Masters level. We have been exploring practice in the UK and internationally over the last two years, with participants at our first conference in July 2011 contributing actively to this work. We have been using Activity Theory and Q methodology to help us analyse the various case study data and to model educator perspectives on assessment practices. We will be presenting our findings at our conference at Leeds Metropolitan University in September 2012 when the project culminates.

**The conference:**

Attendance (and beverages) at the conference sessions are supported by the project and therefore **free**, and participants will be able to purchase lunch at your own cost at the university refectory. Please select your preferred workshops on the booking form at the end of the page.

**Programme:**

Workshops are running at parallel times, on three different themes:

1. Creative Masters level assessment approaches
2. Developing and demonstrating employability skills at Masters level
3. Innovative alternatives to dissertations

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| **9.00am** | Registration and coffee |
| **9.30** | **Keynote** Innovative Assessment at Masters level: a systematic analysis of learning from the NTFS-funded Assimilate project on Masters level assessment. *Sally Brown and Tim Deignan* |
| **10.45** | Coffee and transition time |
| **11.00-11.45** | **Workshop 1a**  Incremental assessment techniques to replace a traditional assignment on a Masters level Project Management module. *Andrew Bell and Anthony Olomolaiye, Coventry University* | **Workshop 1b** The value of Masters level learning in nursing practice. *Debbie Casey, Sunita Morris and Liz Clark, Leeds Metropolitan University* | **Workshop** **1c** The Topical Review article: a suggestion for an additional M-level Professional Project methodology. *John Sweet Independent consultant* |
| **11.55-12.40** | **Workshop 2a Potential student employability benefits of undertaking client-focused business projects*.*** *Simon O’Leary, Regents College* | **Workshop 2b** Are we mastering creative assessment or is the writing on the wall? *Emma Bond and Jessica Clark, University Campus Suffolk* | **Workshop 2c** Portfolio dissertations: what are they? *Peter Lake and Paul Crowther, Sheffield Hallam University* |
| **12.40-13.40** | Lunch |
| **13.40-14.25** | **Workshop** **3a** Dialogic assessment at Masters level. *Ruth Pilkington, University of Central Lancashire* | **Workshop** **3b** Developing and demonstrating employability skills at Masters level. *Marie Hardie and Steve Jewell Coventry University* | **Workshop 3c** Patchwork text and feedback*. Ann Wilson, University of New South Wales* |
| **14.35-15.20** | **Workshop** **4a** Oral assessments in Business and HRM to enhance learning. *Gary Connor, Coventry University* | **Workshop** **4b** Challenging academic traditions: designing an innovative HE professional capacity-building Masters qualification. *Susan Stevenson, Pip Bruce Ferguson and Debbie Bright, New Zealand Curriculum Design Institute* | **Workshop** **4c** Professional projects to replace dissertations. *Judith Holloway and Penelope Nestel, University of Southampton* |
| **15.20-15.35** | Coffee and Transitions |
| **15.35-16.45** | **International plenary**: Perspectives on Masters level assessment*. Hetty Grunefeld, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, Lone Krogh, Aalborg University, Denmark, Susan Stevenson, New Zealand Curriculum Design Institute, Ann Wilson , University of New South Wales Australia* |
| **16.45-17.00** | Conclusions |

To book please follow the link: [Conference Registration Form](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEZ5RGE0SXRhc3Z5NGJJYjI3NEJfMlE6MQ)

Delegates wishing to book overnight accommodation may wish to look at the following hotels which are close to the conference venue:

[The Met, Leeds](http://www.principal-hayley.com/locations/the-met/map--directions.aspx)

[The Radisson](http://www.radissonblu.co.uk/hotel-leeds)

[The Merrion Hotel](http://www.brook-hotels.co.uk/hotels/merrion-hotel-rooms)

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