

Update notes

(Wednesday 02 December 2020)

Institutions present: (13 members in attendance) Aston, Birmingham, Harper-Adams, Keele, Lincoln, Nottingham, Nottingham College, Oxford Brookes, UEA, Wolverhampton, Worcester, AdvanceHE

MSDP Updates: Ian Whiting: MSDP Chair

Welcoming new members to their first MSDP meeting

Rebecca Carter (Beccs) from the University of Wolverhampton

What is top of mind amongst members: Equality Diversity & Inclusion, Mental Health and Digital Capabilities.

NB [41% of all sick notes issued by GPs during the pandemic was related to mental health](#)

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd March will be on Zoom

With social distancing restrictions anticipated to extend into 2021 means, we shall continue with Zoom for our next scheduled meeting.

Members recommended a mixed schedule of zoom and in-person meetings, in the post covid era.

SDF Updates: Ian Whiting: MSDP Chair



staff development
forum

Developing Excellent Practice

2020 SDF Festival of Learning

The SDF are to be congratulated on their Festival of Learning attended by 157 delegates.

Updates and articles can be found at <http://sdf.ac.uk/>

Carol Steed's (Nottingham) session on "Leading through complexity lessons learnt and future implications" was very insightful. This is part of Carol's doctorate thesis and we will look forward to her providing further insights at a future MSDP meeting.

November SDF Council Meeting: The MSDP chair attended the Council's November meeting and will précis the minutes for members once they have been received.

AdvanceHE updates: Mel Smith: Head of membership

AdvanceHE

Please see [AdvanceHE MSDP Dec 2020 Update](#) notes from Mel Smith,

Following additional appointments, AdvanceHE has reorganised its regional representation. The MSDP would like to **thank Mel** for being our liaison representative for the past year.

Lucy Madahar will be our new AdvanceHE representative. We look forward to welcoming Lucy to our next meeting.

Advance HE Fortnightly News Updates.

Lucy forwards on a Fortnightly News Update email which provides a wealth of information news from AdvanceHE. The Chair will forward on the last copy to members and explore with Lucy as to whether MSDP@jiscmail.ac.uk could be a recipient of the updates.

Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 3rd March on Zoom 10:00 to 12:30