

Staff Development Forum Highlights for MSDP Meeting 17 January 2018

Position as Chair to the SDF:

The SDF is currently advertising for a new Chair, to take over from Nick Gallagher-Hughes who's 3-year tenure expires at the end of April 2018. Members who are interested should complete a short application form.

Deputy Chair position

Kathy Ashton stood down from the role at the end of her 3-year tenure in November 2017. Daniel Hannah (Sheffield Hallam University) is the new Deputy Chair and can be contacted at D.R.Hannah@shu.ac.uk

GDPR and its implications on the SDF:

Dorota Tworek-Uptas (Liaison Officer, SDF Executive) is seeking guidance from the LFHE as to the future potential impact of GDPR on the SDF, but in the meantime, members have been asked to complete a short on-line "Contacts preference" form to confirm that the SDF may use their data for marketing and business purposes.

Emails have been sent to ALL registered colleagues by the Chair and today (15 Jan) by Wendy Mason at Sapphala Services. The link to the form is [HERE](#). Any MSDP colleagues who have not completed the form are encouraged to do so before 24 May 2018. After that date, their details will be removed from the SDF database.

Conference Evaluation & GLISSER

As colleagues will recall, the SDF Conference utilised the services of Glisser to provide an interactive experience for attendees. As a follow up to Conference, Glisser was utilised to seek feedback from attendees, by way of a survey.

The SDF has now purchased an initial 12-month contract to use the full version of Glisser. All data from Conference and the Survey are being transferred over to the new account, which will allow a greater analysis of the data to be conducted – and distributed to members.

2017 SDF Awards

All four shortlisted institutions have been invited to host plenary sessions at the 2018 Conference, where they will offer colleagues an update on their initiatives. Information about all submitted applications for the 2017 SDF Awards have been posted on the SDF website.

2018 Conference

The 2018 Conference will be hosted in Bournemouth. Dates and location are still to be confirmed. The Conference Lead Person is Colleen Harding charding@bournemouth.ac.uk Further information will be provided in due course.

Leadership Foundation funding

As a consequence of the 3-agency merger, the SDF has been advised by the LFHE to submit its application for funding before April 2018 – this would normally be done in July.

There is no guarantee that any funding will be forthcoming, due to the merger, and so the Chair has been in discussion with the Executive Committee on alternative funding mechanisms that should secure the future of the SDF. Further information will follow on this matter in due course.

Regional Collaborative Grants

The SDF are delighted to be supporting the MSDP's Lean initiative (March 2018). Linked to the item above (LF Funding) it is suggested that the MSDP may wish to consider whether it requires any additional funding for a future event – and if so, to make application before the end of April 2018 so as to secure the funds for later use – which would then be claimed back from the SDF retrospectively of the event, as per standard terms & conditions.

SDF Communications & Website

Rossana Espinosa (Comms. Officer) continues to manage the communications channels for the SDF and is to be congratulated for the increased traffic her initiatives have generated e.g. Tweetchat, NewsPad, website etc. She is also responsible for introducing Glisser into the 2017 Conference.