



## Developing Excellent Practice **Item 2b SDF Updates**

This is a quick synopsis following a phone conversation with SDF Deputy Chair and Acting Chair Danny Hannah, Tuesday 19 June 2018 (MSDP Chair). This followed on from an SDF Executive meeting held on Thursday 14 June 2018.

### **Synopsis**

#### **SDF current challenges**

The next academic year 2018/19 will be one of contemplation in preparation for rejuvenation.

The amalgamation of the LFHE into Advance HE has resulted in a review of the existing funding arrangement with the SDF (the only model of its kind within the new umbrella organisation). For this coming year there is a reduced funding contribution for the SDF from Advanced HE.

The next steps for the SDF is to consider how it organises and supports itself in the future.

Acting Chair Danny Hannah proposes to initiate a consultation with SDF members which he aims to culminate into some form of road map of intent for discussion at the next SDF Conference (November 2018).

#### **SDF Executive (proposal for a new SDF Exec model)**

As MSDP members will be aware Nick Gallagher-Hughes stepped down recently as SDF Chair. It appears there is a general reluctance by anyone to take on the role. The unsubstantiated conjecture is this is down to the amount of time and effort associated with this non-stipend position set against how this impacts in fulfilling their substantive role.

#### **Proposal for a new SDF Exec model:**

The current executive are exploring an alternative model whereby the executive members have a series of rotating roles including that of rotating Chair. Concept could include recruiting new team executive members (with no specialist role) in the initial instance and take on specialist roles in rotation. This would enable members to gain a range of skills and experience over their tenure including being Chair. It would also enable longer serving members to eventually rotate out of the executive.

#### **SDF Conference Super-Vision and Sea Change**

**Dates 29th – 30th November 2018, Venue: Highcliff Bournemouth**

**For details go to**

<http://sdf.ac.uk/4161/sdf2018-super-vision-and-sea-change>

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