

## MSDP Spring into Summer 2019

<p><b>Join MSDP on a Summers day in Worcester</b></p>  <p>WORCESTER CATHEDRAL</p>	<p><b>Our next MSDP meeting will be hosted by Gillian Slater in the beautiful city of Worcester</b> (an hour by train from Birmingham New Street)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3rd July</b></p> <p>The main development session for our day has become increasingly topical within all our Universities.  <b>Supporting staff with Mental Health issues.</b>        This will include an overview of Papyrus working on suicide prevention. (This was shortlisted for a THE award).</p> <p><b>Make it a day out with a colleague.</b>        In addition, I would like to reiterate a previous custom and practice where MSDP members are welcome to bring a colleague to our meetings especially where they think the topic under discussion would be of interest to them. There is no charge, you just need to let us know in advance for catering purposes.</p> <p>More details about the day will be sent out nearer the time.</p>
<p><b>Callout for contributions</b></p>  <p>staff development forum Developing Excellent Practice</p> 	<p><b><a href="#">SDF Conference 2019</a></b>  <b>Building bridges for emerging futures</b>  <b>Date: 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019</b>  <b>Venue: <a href="#">Hilton, Newcastle</a></b></p> <p><b>Link <a href="#">Call for contributions is extended</a> (to 13 May)</b>        Wendy Mason has contacted me to advise that our friends in the North are still welcoming contributions as they host this year SDF Conference.</p> <p><b><i>Is there something you are doing in your institution which you are particularly proud of and would like to share with colleagues?</i></b></p> <p>If so please consider  <b><a href="#">Call for Contributions #SDFConf2019 form to download</a></b></p>
<p><b>Wishing Linda a long and contented retirement</b></p> 	<p><b>Linda Bryant</b> recently announced (to the SDF Council) that she shall shortly be retiring from Cranfield as Head of Learning and Development (as of 01 July).</p> <p>The MSDP pre-dates the SDF and Linda has been a member for its entirety including its predecessor incarnations. (Linda if you could recollect and write down a short potted history of our partnership evolution I would be grateful). Linda has hosted the MSDP on a number of occasions, I remember this included a tour of the aerodrome. You also hosted our recent <b>MSDP meets Lean</b> event for which I was particularly appreciative of.</p>

You are also the representative for the Eastern Region partnership and also a member of the ODHE group. So your familiar presence in this part of the world will be missed.

***So to Linda on behalf of all colleagues in the MSDP,  
I would like to thank you for all the support you have provided  
us over many, many years and wish you a long and contented  
retirement.*** Chair Ian Whiting