New year message from MSDP (2020)

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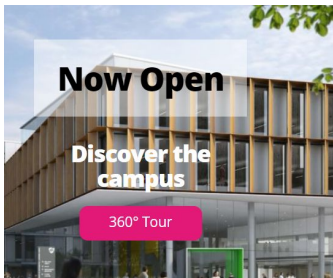Hello to everyone within our Partnership

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the forthcoming year.
(If you have new colleagues in your unit please feel free to pass this on and invite them to join our mailing list)

Our MSDP theme this year is
Supporting change in our Universities.

MSDP Looking forward	MSDP Looking forward (2020) (dates for your calendar)
	Wednesday 4th March **Aston University** (partially collapsed meeting). Includes a ● Welcome to Mel Smith Advance HE (taking over from Judy Harris) ● Morning session examining Nudge theory. ● Afternoon session playing the Change Game. **Thursday 9th July (new date)** (fully collapsed meeting) NB Date moved from Wednesday 1st July **The University of Northampton** ● Showcasing how we support change in our Universities. ● At Northampton's brand new **Waterside campus** **Wednesday 2nd December − University of Birmingham**: ● Concluding our change theme for this year.
The Change Game A resource for MSDP Members	**The Change Game** To support this year's theme we applied and were successful in gaining an SDF Collaborative Development Grant to purchase the Change Game which was previewed at the SDF conference by Big picture learning. Members will have an opportunity to play the Change game at **our Aston meeting (Wednesday 4th March)**. We shall work out a loan process to enable Partnerships members to sample this in their Universities. We then aim to submit an evaluation report in time for the next SDF conference.

The Waterside Campus	
Now Open **Discover the campus** 360° Tour **Waterside campus**	**July meeting** **(New date is Thursday 9th July):** **Showcasing how we support change in our Universities.** Where better to hold a dedicated meeting on supporting change than with our hosts at Northampton in their new Waterside campus. Our last visit to Northampton (March 2017) our hosts took us through their preparations to move to a dedicated campus to support their conceptual change of **Active Blended Learning**. We shall look forward to hearing about their experiences, key learning and what have been the positives to dates. Plus a guided tour and talk. **We shall be seeking contributions from other MSDP members to make this a full-day workshop on the theme of supporting change. More information and details to follow.**

In addition, I would like to reiterate a previous custom and practice where MSDP members are welcome to bring a colleague to our meetings where they think the topic under discussion would be of interest to them.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I hope to meet and catch up with many of you in 2020.

Best wishes

Ian and the constellation group