



New year message from MSDP 2017

Hello to everyone within our Partnership

May I take this opportunity to wish you all the very best for the forthcoming year.

Looking back ([highlights of 2016](#)) members were able to participate in a range of activities which included hosting the Sim Uni event, HEA accreditation workshop, gaining interesting insights into 'How to be a Productivity Ninja' and the relevance and potency of Shakespeare in Leadership Development.

Looking forward to this year our theme will be based on the simple premise of supporting Kate Crane who volunteered Birmingham to be the host for the SDF conference in 2017.

Prior to this development we had considered organising a coaching conference (1 day event) for the MSDP region. So in the spirit of working "smarter not harder" we propose that coaching be incorporated into the conference themes.

MSDP Theme for 2017

"Active support for the SDF Conference (Birmingham)"
Wednesday 29 Nov - Thursday 30 November
Hyatt Regency Birmingham

What can we do to support Kate

- encourage MSDP membership to attend either both days or just one day of the conference. Birmingham being so central some members could participate as day delegates.
- contribute sessions for the SDF conference (i.e. related to coaching et al).
- pass on contacts of providers who may wish to run a session and/or have a supplier stand.
- volunteer to be part of a small support group.

MSDP Meetings for the year ahead

To enable members to plan ahead for this and subsequent years we traditionally meet on the first Wednesday of March, July and December of each year.

- **Wednesday 1st March** – University of Northampton:
- **Wednesday 5th July** – Loughborough University:
- **Wednesday 6th December** – University of Birmingham:

Having representatives from as many partnership members as possible is what makes for a lively community of practice. Please can you discuss with your colleagues as to who you would like to attend and represent your institution for the year ahead.

Membership and website

I continue to refresh the [MSDP website](#) which includes [representatives contact details](#). You will see that I have updated this web page with all the MSDP contacts. If you have a head and shoulders photo of your key contact representative I can add it to contact details.

I would like to welcome Corinne Bresnen from Newman University (Birmingham) and it is great to have re-established links with Staffordshire University Paula Cottrell and Deborah Tilbury, I look forward to welcoming you to an MSDP event in 2017.

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. There is no charge, you just need to let us know in advance for catering purposes.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and I hope to meet and catch up with many of you in 2017.

Best wishes

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