

Education and Development Implementation Group

Summary and Action Points

Thursday 29th May 2014, 0900-1100

In attendance: David Davies (WMS), Michael Wyness (CES), Phil Whitehead (CES), Dimitra Hartas (CES), Andrea Laczik (CEI), Richard Smith (CAL), Pam Price (CES), Louise Botley (RSS), Richard Sutcliffe (CES)

Apologies: Ian Abbott (CES), Catherine Bennett (WMS), Shirin Rai (PAIS), Jane Kidd (WMS), Clara Joergensen (CES)

Discussion points:

- Several funding opportunities reported: ESRC/DfID Education and Development; PSIPSE; DfID Effective Education Systems Research Programme; DfID Effective Education Systems Research Programme
- Following the visit of Justine Greening MP (Secretary of State for International Development), the International Development GRP (Shirin Rai & Ann Stewart) are due to hold a follow up meeting
- Further funding opportunity – BIS Newton Fund – which aims to develop science and innovation partnerships that promote the economic development and welfare of developing countries (£375 million over 5 years). Possibility that ESRC may be involved and will distribute specific research funding
- The international development GRP is a useful network to tap into not only for opportunity for pump priming funding, but existing networks and expertise in development
- ID GRP has four themes – could education be a cross cutting theme and can this group influence the leads to introduce education into the fold?
- Already a lot of activity and expertise already throughout the University. Useful to have a fuller picture of all links the university has.
- International Education for Development (Richard Smith) – context relevant MA Level degree provision given CAL student links and incorporating wider focus on intercultural communication. Would need to assess market for international education courses in more detail and ensure that any provision is Research-led. An area to return to.
- Education to improve health in Resource poor settings (David Davies) – work ongoing in this area (bid to MRC/Wellcome Trust with Gerry McGivern in WBS). Currently partnering with the Business School (on leadership/organisational aspects) but welcome wider input on personal values from CES (already in discussions with Leslie Francis on professional burnout) and also from CES Leadership Group.
- Technological aspects / Social Networks – overlaps with Pedagogy, Sustainability and Technology Group
- Social responsibility projects with large companies operating in developing countries is a useful avenue to explore
- Joint Appointment - The group recognised the value of a Joint Appointment, between PAIS and CES – as well as with other departments.

- A cross-departmental secondment scheme would be very valuable
- David Davies currently working on a project to evaluate effectiveness of a serious game around health –further projects could be developed from this.
- Group should look at developing a series of Case studies on the practicalities of running projects in developing countries – to develop and disseminate best practice.
- Group's remit should not be solely on Africa – will be interesting to see from the mapping exercise the extent of Warwick involvement in research in ex-soviet states as well
- Important to recognise links already developed through Warwick in Africa and other projects
- Training and professional development in research for NGOs could be a useful market / activity to look at – especially around evaluation
- A university from Kazakhstan recently contact CES via Maria Kaparou to discuss collaboration

Action Points:

1. Disseminate identified funding opportunities to the group and Newton Fund information – **R Sutcliffe / Louise Botley**
2. Explore content of follow up Meeting between Justine Greening and International Development GRP and Report back plans for the GRP more generally including themes – **Louise Botley**
3. Mapping international development links and expertise across the University of Warwick – **R Sutcliffe**
4. Links from Warwick in Africa programme to be articulated and reported back to the group – **R Sutcliffe / Phil Whitehead / Ian Abbott**
5. CES to begin some work looking into the market for Education and Development M Level / B Level courses – **D Hartas and Laura Jackson**
6. Consider how research interests could form basis of a unique teaching offer in Education and Development – **All**
7. Group to consider disciplinary perspectives (e.g. political science and political economy, economics, sociology etc) and research methodologies that could form the basis of a study of educational systems in developing countries in response to funding priorities/opportunities_ and discuss at next meeting- **ALL**
8. **Phil Whitehead** (CES Leadership Group) to meet with **David Davies** to discuss collaboration in 'Education to Improve health in resource poor settings'
9. Explore a model of cross-departmental secondments and discuss in Interdisciplinary Support Structures Group (on 12/6/14) – **R Sutcliffe**
10. Look into the possibility of producing best practice case studies on the practicalities of running projects in developing countries (being careful of overlap with International Development GRP – **R Sutcliffe / David Davies / Louise Botley**
11. Explore links with Kazakhstan –**R Sutcliffe (with Nick Lee and Maria Kaparou)**