

# SALT Newsletter (Jan 2018)

Swansea Academy of Learning and Teaching

The SALT Newsletter is published in October, January and April and features items of interest highlighted by the SALT Team and invited guests

## News from the Director

As mentioned in our previous [interim newsletter](#), the New Year has brought some changes to the [SALT team](#) with **Jacqui Neale** (TEL) regrettably leaving us and **Suzie Pugh** being welcomed to SALT as part of the PG Cert team. I know that you will be delighted to join me in welcoming Suzy as she settles in to her new role. In addition, we have divided the managerial role on account of load so that **Chris Hall** now manages the pedagogic aspects (PG Cert and Recognition teams) and **Simon Gibbon** will manage the developmental agenda of the SALT work (TEL and CPD).

Also, just to keep you abreast of developments, Swansea is of course part of the subject-level Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) pilots being run by HEFCE and we are working with colleagues on the submissions. These are due to be submitted late February. We are already learning from this process and helping shape the future of TEF.

I do hope you enjoy reading the rest of this newsletter, the SALT team look forward to the coming year's opportunities and challenges with optimism and confidence and would like to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2018.

# Newsletter Feedback

We have received excellent feedback in relation to the publication of this newsletter. Please do continue to let us know if there is anything specific you would like to see included by contacting the Newsletter Editor Debbie Baff ([deborah.baff@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:deborah.baff@swansea.ac.uk)) directly or myself. Please note alternative formats of this newsletter ( PDF and Welsh) are available on the SALT Website

Professor Jane Thomas Director SALT

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## SALT Conference

2018 is a special year for the SALT Annual Learning and Teaching conference as we are celebrating our tenth annual conference ! As such we are delighted that we will be holding the event at the Bay Campus for the first time. It will take place on the **18 July 2018**. Please follow the hashtag **#SUSALT18**and keep an eye on the website for updates including the call for papers which will be issued shortly.

You can visit the conference web page by clicking the button below

[SALT Conference 2018](#)

## Blackboard News

From the beginning of February the TEL (Technology Enhanced Learning) team of SALT will be running weekly drop-in sessions on both Campuses. Drop-in sessions are intended as an opportunity for short one to one meetings to fix Blackboard issues, talk about ideas, get modules added or removed, get a quick bit of help with something etc. Not really as an hour long training session ... especially in the first few weeks of term

For more information please visit our Blackboard Drop In Sessions Web Page using the button below:

[Blackboard Drop in Sessions](#)

## HEA Fellowship

### Recognition numbers on the up and up

Since October 2017's newsletter, we now have over 370 staff with HEA Fellowship recognition at one of the 4 category descriptors with now 6 Principal Fellows! Professor Steve Brown, Head of the College of Engineering is our latest. Read more about [Steve's Principal Fellowship journey](#). See how numbers have changed in our next newsletter and how we're working towards the 80% target by 2020.

## How might you gain HEA Fellowship recognition?

If you missed the recent Information sessions in the past 2 weeks, don't despair. More sessions are available in March, and reminders are sent via the Staff Bulletin. Book through the Upcoming Events listing on the SALT website. If you can't attend the March sessions, you can undertake a self-paced option by requesting direct access to the Blackboard module on which all interested applicants are enrolled.

There are however limited numbers for many of the internal application deadlines to accommodate the support and mentoring provided, so do consider when you might apply and plan enough time – you'll need 3-6 months and so you will need to start now if you wish to be submit an application this calendar year. Find out more details, including how to request Blackboard enrolment, [on our website](#).

Please also visit our the HEA News web page for all the latest developments in recognition at Swansea.

[HEA News](#)

## Open Door Programme

We are excited to announce that the Open Door CPD programme will be launching at the start of Teaching Block 2, with its opening event at the end of February. It allows teachers to connect with and observe their colleagues teach, to help the development of their own teaching practice. We already have a selection of sessions in place for TB2 and more are in the pipeline. Our first Open Door session is on the **7th of February**.

[Find out More About Open Door](#)

# CPD Opportunities

## 7 Characteristics of a Good University Teacher

The '**7 Characteristics of a Good University Teacher**' seminar and workshop programme is now underway and proving to be very popular.

## Lightboard in Engineering

The first event '**Lightboard in Engineering**' was held at the Bay campus on Nov 22nd, delivered by [\*\*Dr Richard Cobley\*\*](#) and [\*\*Dr Karin Enser\*\*](#) from the College of Engineering.

Attendees saw a demonstration of teaching innovation at its best, in the form of an inspirational session on 'Lightboard'. The session showed how many of the '7Cs' can be met in the use of a particular approach. [Read a blog post by Suzie Pugh](#) summarising the features, benefits and potential application of Lightboard (within and outside of the Engineering field) or watch the video of the event here on E-Stream by clicking the button below.

[More info about the '7C's' can be found here](#). We would love to hear from you if you would like to share an aspect of your teaching that meets one or more of the '7Cs'.

[Watch the Video of the Event](#)

More Seminars and workshops are still to come . Save the following dates in your diaries !

## Save the Date

### Scenario Learning and Assessment : Closing the Gap

The next one will take place on **Wednesday February 14th 2018** at the SALT training room at the Singleton Campus 1-2pm. It will be delivered by 2017 ELTA winner **Jonathan Hinkin** on the theme ‘Scenario Learning and Assessment: Closing the Gap’. A waiting list will be created if the event becomes fully booked, and the session will also be filmed and placed on SALT TV/ E-Stream.

There are only a few places left for this highly popular event, so to attend staff are encouraged to book a place by clicking on button below.

[Book a Place via Eventbrite](#)

## Audio Feedback

Save the date for the next 7Cs event, an ‘Audio Feedback’ workshop on **Wed 14th March 2018** at the SALT training room at Singleton campus, led by **Pete Hanratty** and **Sandy George** from the Centre for Academic Success. More details and reservation link to follow, via SALT leads, our website, staff bulletins and our Twitter account @Susaltteam.

# Community Blog Posts

## January 2018

### Facilitating #BYOD4L Bring Your Own Device for Learning by Deb Baff

Last week I had the pleasure of being part of the volunteer organising team helping to deliver and facilitate the #BYOD4L Bring your own device for learning online course ...

[Read Deb's Blog Post in Full](#)

### Looking Back, Facing Forward (2) by Helen Davies

I'm now heading into my tenth year as part of the Blackboard/elearning/SALT team. In those ten years, I've seen SALT develop and grow from the 4-strong Blackboard team into the 15 strong SALT team that we are today...

[Read Helen's Blog Post in Full](#)

### Looking Back, Facing Forward 2018 by Rhian Ellis

In September 2017, I was appointed to Swansea University's Academy of Learning and Teaching as an Academic Developer, specialising in continued professional development

[Read Rhian's Blog Post in Full](#)

[Read the rest of our Community Blog Posts](#)

We are currently seeking more contributors for our Community Blog. If you would like to write a guest blog post please email [salt@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:salt@swansea.ac.uk)