

SALT Newsletter (OCT 2018)

Swansea Academy of Learning and Teaching

News from the Director

Feedback

Welcome to our SALT newsletter at the start of the new academic year. I do hope you will find it helpful, engaging and informative. We have provided some signposts to forthcoming items of interest and I would encourage you to visit the various links provided and of course contact the team if you would like any further details

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) or myself.

Professor Jane Thomas Director SALT

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#SUSALT18 Teaching with Impact

The 10th Annual SALT Conference took place on the 18th July 2018 at the Bay Campus. The theme of the conference this year was Teaching with Impact: Innovate, Develop, Engage, Aspire. This is the first year that the conference has been held at our Bay Campus and with over 250 delegates in attendance there were ample opportunities to come

together to contribute, collaborate and share good practice across the university.

The day included key note presentations from Professor Sally Ann Bradley (Academic Lead for Professional Development at Advance HE) and PVC Martin Stringer, both of which proved thought provoking and inspiring. [Recordings](#) of the keynotes can be found on the conference website together with abstracts from more than 60 parallel sessions.

[Highlights from #SUSALT18](#)

[#SUSALT19](#)

Next year's conference will also be held at the Bay Campus - Please save the date in your diaries 17th July 2019 and watch out for the Call for Papers after Christmas.

[Return of the 7C's Seminar and Workshop Programme](#)

We are pleased to inform Swansea University staff that the '[Seven Characteristics of a Good University Teacher](#)' seminar and workshop programme offered by SALT is running again throughout the academic year 2018/19. Feedback from last year's session was really positive, with attendees finding them valuable and enjoyable CPD events.

Monthly sessions will once again be on Wednesdays at 13:00-14:00 hrs, at either Singleton or the Bay Campus. We would love to see people in person, but where possible, we will also be using [Blackboard Collaborate](#) – a webinar tool – to make it even easier to join in. Most sessions will also be recorded for later viewing.

All staff are welcome to attend this year's programme. Contact Rhian at SALT for more information on attending, suggestions for sessions or if you would like to deliver an event - r.e.ellis@swansea.ac.uk ext.4302.

[Seminar 1 – October 2018 – Experiential Learning](#)

The first seminar this year was presented earlier this month by [Prof. Richard Owen](#), from Swansea University's Hilary Rodham Clinton School of Law. Richard explained the delivery and development of

'Experiential Learning' modules in the context of Chickering and Gamson's 'Seven Principles of Good Practice'. The inspirational session included consideration of how these experiences can be adapted to other disciplines, and a video recording of the event will be available via the SALT TV link on our website very soon.

Seminar 2 - November 2018 - Feedback Journals

The second seminar will take place on the 14th November 2018 (at the SALT Offices Singleton Campus at 1pm). Presented by [Dr Joanne Berry](#) from Swansea University's College of Arts and Humanities, the aim of this session is to discuss the impact that a pilot 'Feedback Journal', had on the engagement and development of students at Swansea University.

The journal was designed to help students reflect on their academic journey, and to provide their Academic Mentors with tools to stimulate specific and detailed discussion about how each individual student could improve their academic performance. The session will address the intended and unintended consequences of this initiative, and staff and student responses to it, in the context of Chickering and Gamson's 'Seven Principles of Good Practice'. We have a few places left, Book Your Place now via the button below.

[Book your place](#)

This will be part of a series of events in 'Feedback Week' See <https://salt.swan.ac.uk/cpd/>

Opening Doors at Swansea

The SALT Open Door Programme which offers opportunities to sit in on sessions taught by colleagues, is up and running this academic year with excellent sessions delivered by teachers on both campuses.

The Open Door programme matches teachers with teachers, to facilitate the development of skills, knowledge and confidence. Teachers with questions, issues, ideas or stumbling blocks get the opportunity to sit in on sessions delivered by colleagues who are known for certain aspects of their teaching. They can pick the sort of session they'd like to sit in on,

where possible they can pick the discipline. Afterwards they can talk to the Open Door Teacher to discuss how it went and why.

[Professor Danny McCarroll](#) (Geography) has almost 30 sessions available in Singleton, covering a range of teaching styles and configurations.

[Dr Sian Rees](#) (Media and Communication) has sessions running through teaching block 1, demonstrating her approach to small group breakout work in large group settings.

[Professor Simon Bott](#) (Chemistry) has one more session in Singleton flipping the learning for a first year Chemistry group.

[Sharon Harvey](#) (Nursing) combines flipped learning with active learning and throws in a bit of simulation for her sessions.

[Dr Jo Hudson](#) (Sports Science) also has sessions running through teaching block 1. A mixed lecture and workshop feel in large group settings. On the Bay Campus.

[Ute Keller-Jenkins](#) offers her German language sessions full of exceptional student engagement – we were engaged when we saw her and we don't even speak German !

[Dr Mark Coleman](#) (Engineering) has Friday sessions on Materials for people to observe. Very engaging, large group sessions. Slido and other tech used. Mark uses the space and the subject to his advantage. 125 students, all listening to him !

[Interested in Coming Along to an Open Door Session ?](#)

More information on the Open Door Programme can be found by clicking the button below (including how to book to come along to a session).

[Open Door Programme](#)

[HEA Fellowship Applications](#)

There are more opportunities to find out how to make a HEA Fellowship application at Swansea in January 2019. Register through our Upcoming Events page by clicking on the button below.

[Upcoming Events](#)

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