

Next Steps in Evaluation for Uni Connect & University Outreach Providers

The Morning session is open to all

- ◆ **9.45 Virtual Coffee and Registration**
- ◆ **10.00 Welcome, Annette Hayton, NERUPI Convenor**
- ◆ **10.10 Reflections on Embedding the NERUPI Framework in the Context of UniConnect Programme Development and Evaluation**
Rebecca Harland, Future HY Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

The York & North Yorkshire Uni Connect partnership, known as FutureHY, were early adopters of NERUPI. This session will look back at how FutureHY's Phase 1 project plans and progression framework embedded the NERUPI Framework, and will explore the extent that this approach supported subsequent programme development. Rebecca will then examine how the framework has been utilised to undertake impact evaluation of FutureHY activity. A reflection on the outcomes evidenced sets the scene for reviewing evaluation frameworks and planning in preparation for Phase 3 of Uni Connect.
- ◆ **10.35 Cosmos: Marginal Gains Activity Evaluation**
Dean Biddulph, Senior Research Manager; Daniel Todd, Senior Account Manager, Cosmos

Cosmos Engagement are specialists in Engagement and Insight, developing and delivering a variety of engagement and outreach activity to young people, including their flagship 'Marginal Gains' programme – teaching young people how to make small improvements in a number of areas of their education and life in order to achieve larger goals. In this presentation, Cosmos' own research team report the positive impacts of the Marginal Gains programme on learners within the SUN (Southern Universities Network), one of the first networks in which the Marginal Gains programme was widely delivered.
- ◆ **11.00 Break**
- ◆ **11.15 Uni Connect Evaluation Post COVID 19**
Anthea Rose, Research Fellow, LincHigher

In this session Anthea will reflect on the challenges that the pandemic has placed on delivery and its evaluation. She will then go on to make some suggestions for overcoming some of the issues to inform the discussion.
- ◆ **11.30 Discussion Groups**
- ◆ **12.00 Discussion Feedback**
Chair: Beth Isaac, Senior Evaluation Officer, Office for Students
- ◆ **12.45 Lunch**

See over for afternoon programme

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The afternoon session is a **NERUPI Members Workshop**

♦ **1.15 Planning Evaluations Using Social Practice Methodology**
Professor Murray Saunders, Lancaster University

In this session Professor Murray Saunders will locate evaluation within a social practice approach. The session will provide an example of a planning approach to evaluation (RUFDATA) which is based on evaluative practice. It will provide an opportunity for participants to practice using the approach which consists of 7 key planning decisions in setting up an evaluation, either of a specific activity or as the basis of an overall evaluation approach for an institution or Department/section. Participants could work in smaller groups to use RUFDATA on a specific area or activity.

1.45 Breakout Discussion
Planning with RUFDATA

2.30 Plenary Feedback with Murray Saunders

3.15 Close