

NERUPI in practice: how the framework can strengthen WP practice

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Why we chose Nerupi

- **Changing role of WP**
- **No Access Targets**
- **Way of measuring impact**
- **Capabilities approach**
- **Standardisation**

Benefits

- Compare impact across interventions
- Different frameworks for different levels
- Universal framework
- Seamless Integration
- Informing strategy
- Identify gaps
- Mapping our Access projects

Nerupi and the APP

- **Assessing ourselves**
- **Best practice**
- **Impact**
- **OfS self evaluation tool**

Dimension 2: Designing your programmes		D	E	F	G
Response (choose from list)	How demonstrated?			Notes (use this space to explain your answers scores you have given yourself)	
Are your programmes underpinned by clear objectives for what you want to achieve?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	Defined objectives documented in enough detail to enable someone else to work towards them correctly and effectively, and which are capable of being measured and evaluated. This might be underpinned for example by guidance and support for setting of objectives.		All initiatives are mapped to the NERUPI aims and objectives , particular evaluation methods, benchmarks and the relevant key stage. The team work together to map all outreach initiatives.	All WP and access initiatives and activities are subject to impact evaluation, assessing the activity on its participants, measured against its intended objectives. Using a reflective evaluation cycle while retaining clear steps that support rigorous evaluation, evaluation could include quantitative analysis of participation by sub-groups and comparison of outcomes against national benchmarks, as well as qualitative feedback from participants (including teachers and parents where relevant). The evaluation provides a coherent theory of change to motivate outreach activities in the context of a coherent outreach strategy. Using best practice from elsewhere and in the research literature, the evaluation collects data on impact and reports those receiving an intervention have better outcomes and we hope will provide robust evidence of the causal effect of an intervention as we develop our strategy.
Is your programme design informed by evidence?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	This is referring to whether your programme development practice draws on your own or other people's existing evidence of the impact of outreach to inform your programme design features. This evidence would include published research, monitoring, feedback, impact evaluation evidence, national data and own evaluation(s).			
Is there a clear and detailed specification of the specific activities your programmes will deliver, and why you are delivering them in this way in order to best meet your objectives?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	References to evidence of impact elsewhere and/or in the research literature on effectiveness in different contexts. Identification of impact evaluation to show that those receiving the intervention treatment you are delivering have better outcomes i.e. you can point to results that show that what you are doing is likely to be effective in terms of generating the desired results.		As above	
Have you defined and agreed the deliverables for your programmes?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	Specification of what will be delivered for example you have set targets for the number of different types of activities that the programme will deliver and the volume in terms of those taking part in them.		Yes as part of the bi yearly project mapping exercise all projects/activities as well as having aims and objectives have target numbers of students to take part and the amount of hours the intervention should last for.	
Are you clear on how you will measure all of the outcomes and impacts of your programmes?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	For example measures of your outcomes would include specification of specific and achievable changes for your participants (pre and post) which can be reliably measured and which are relevant to the aims of your interventions. Measure of impact might include clearly articulated measures of the difference your activities are making to access and participation in higher education. This might be underpinned for example by use of a framework of outcome and impact measures appropriate for different activities/circumstances.		As well as previously described evaluation against NERUPI framework we also use the Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) to measure impact. The Higher Education Access Tracker (HEAT) assists HEIs in England to measure impact and evaluate their outreach activity. By working collaboratively across the sector, we can build evidence of 'what works'. Reports from these data will also be used to calculate the percentage of the total cohort who engaged with the University before post-16. Other sources of data are also used for analysis, for example borough and school exam results, progress, national data etc.	
Are your success measures focused on impact in terms of achieving outcomes for participants?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	Evidence of moving beyond feedback/satisfaction measures and the opinions of the participants to specify outcomes e.g. continuation and progression, attainment, behavioural changes.		As above, we look at the progression and attainment of our participants as well as attitude and confidence changes through various means of evaluation from pre and post evaluation questionnaires and focus groups depending on activity.	
Can you point to evidence underpinning your choice of outcome?	Yes, already in place for the majority of programmes	Identification of existing evidence to show that the outcomes and how you measure them are appropriate to the activities in question i.e. demonstrating that the outcomes		As we are part of a network we share evidence and get to see what works. The main principle of the theory of change cycle of evaluation is that we draw on the capabilities approach, specific	

Project Mapping

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Feedback

- **How do you find NERUPI?**
- **Your gaps?**
- **Are we covering wellbeing enough?**