

Culture of Inclusion

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The Task

- Identify ways to ensure a more inclusive and internationalised approach across the whole institution.
- Develop recommendations to ensure *internationalised* and *inclusive curricula are imbedded* across taught programmes.

We will internationalise our curricula, ensuring that they are globally relevant and contain learning experiences that are culturally **accessible to all**.

An internationalised curriculum is an inclusive curriculum, and an inclusive culture incorporates an inclusive curriculum.

Therefore we focussed on inclusion.



What is Inclusivity?

An inclusive approach:

"... necessitates a shift away from supporting specific student groups through a discrete set of policies or time-bound interventions, towards equity considerations being embedded within all functions of the institution and treated as an ongoing process of quality enhancement.

Making a shift of such magnitude requires cultural and systemic change at both the policy and practice levels."

(May and Bridger, 2010, p.6).





What is inclusivity?

- Accessible or inclusive? Is our understanding of inclusivity weak or even flawed?
- Accessible: everyone is able to take part.
- Inclusion: everyone is encouraged and supported to take part.
- Correctly done, inclusivity generates a sense of belonging and community and this in itself benefits productivity, wellness, output...for ALL students



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Schein's Triangle Model on Organizational Culture

Organisational Culture

- Routines: 'The way we do things around Assurble here'.
- The deeply seated (often subconscious) values and beliefs shared by personnel in an organisation.
- A set of shared assumptions that guide behaviours.
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Organisational Culture

- The culture of an organization is defined by:
- Values, rituals, heroes and symbols (Hofstede, 1997).
- Stories, symbols, policies, control, behaviours (Johnson and Scholes, 1999).
- "...transformational leaders change their culture by first understanding it and then realigning the organization's culture with a new vision and a revision of its shared assumptions, values and norms."

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Moving Inclusion to a Higher Core Value?

Recognition Ex Teaching Efficiency World-class Im Regulation Global Reach Professionalism Proud of our roots Internationalisation

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Culture of Inclusion

- Narrative: stories, vision.
- Symbols: publicity, language.
- Power structures: senior management stories alongside others, inclusion officers.
- **Control**: reward and recognition for inclusion, training (PGCAP/LEADS).
 - **Routines:** require 'inclusion' to be explicitly considered at 'course design' stage \rightarrow revise PIP.





Recommendations

- Inclusion needs to be moved to a higher core value;
- Cultural shift; normalizing inclusion.
- Inclusion isn't "remedial"
- **Mentoring** needs investment and is a symbol of that cultural shift.
- Induction framework, with inclusivity embedded, is a control structure and a symbol for cultural shift.





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