

mhhe: origins, evolution, next steps and potential links with MHNAUK



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Overview

- mhhe: origins and evolution
- Update on changes to the HEA
 - New funding opportunities
- mhhe: looking forward
- Links and opportunities for joint working

Origins of mhhe

Set up in 2003, mhhe was a partnership between five subject centres of the HEA, and has worked closely with the **Mental Health Special Interest Group (MHSIG)** - based within the subject centre for **Health Sciences and Practice**.

mhhe aims to increase networking and the sharing of approaches to learning and teaching about mental health across the disciplines in UK higher education.

Evolution of mhhe

- **Phase one: HEA (2003-4)**
National network and jiscmail list; 3 national events; Learning from Experience; case study call
- **Phase two: DoH (2004-6)**
Regional networks (25+ workshops and events)
- **Phase three: CETLs (2006-11)**
Developers of User and Carer Involvement in Education (DUCIE); Ian Light Award; mhhe workshop scheme; living and learning conference

Changes to the HEA

- Four subject groupings: Health Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities and STEM
- 28 Discipline and Subject leads (all based in York)

‘We continue to develop and deliver the subject-specific services that are most valued by the sector, including: workshops and seminars, teaching development grants, journals, support and guidance for staff new to teaching, resources and networking opportunities’.

Academic Associates

- The HEA is building a community of Academic Associates to deliver and develop support for learning and teaching in higher education.
- Expressions of interest are sought from academics with current experience, who are leaders in their field, can work as part of a team, and who share the HEA's ambition to improve learning and teaching and the student learning experience.

"Changes to the structure of the HEA will help to ensure it can inspire, promote and celebrate excellent learning and teaching in higher education, which I know will be welcomed across the sector. Its focus on the three core areas of academic practice development, teacher excellence and institutional strategy and change will give it the flexibility to meet the challenges that higher education will face over the coming years."

Rama Thirunamachandran, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Keele

1. Workshop and seminar series

£500 to host and deliver a workshop or seminar promoting research and evidence that has informed departmental and institutional policy and/or practice.

- Thematic Call: Assessment and feedback or Retention and Success
- Discipline Call: Teaching and learning in a discipline context.

Deadline: 3 November 2011

2. Teaching Development Grants

Over the next year there will be a total of £1.5 million of funding available for projects on the themes of internationalisation and employability.

	Call opens	Closing date
Individual grants	3 January 2012	19 February 2012
Departmental grants	5 September 2011	23 October 2011
Collaborative grants	27 February 2012	22 April 2012

3. HEA UK Travel fund

To enable staff and students in UK higher education to exchange and disseminate good practice in learning, teaching and assessment and engage with their peers.

special interest groups
conferences
network meetings

mhhe: current state of play

- Network for 1500 academics, practice educators and service user and carer educators – across disciplines and across the UK. Jiscmail discussion list.
- Website and new mhhehub
- Developers of User and Carer Involvement in Education (DUCIE) network
- Activity that we would like to build upon: Burning issues and the Living and Learning conference. Resilience resource sheet.
- Dwindling resource (Senior Project Development Officer 0.1 fte) but a lot of energy and goodwill

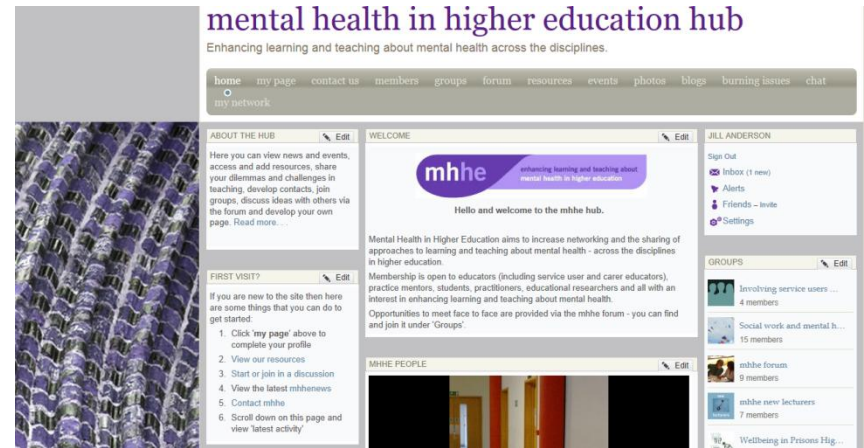
Looking forward

mhhe hub
summer school
DUCIE network
easter conference

Ongoing links with other national and regional initiatives eg MHNAUK.

mhhe hub

- add news items
- join and set up groups
- contribute to discussion forums
- promote events
- access and share resources



<http://mhhehub.ning.com/>

DUCIE network

- Support for service user and carer involvement workers based in HEIs:
- Meetings three times a year
- Online discussion group



Summer school and conference

- Summer school – 2012
- Conference – easter 2013
- Building on Learning from Experience & Burning Issues
- Focus on ‘troublesome knowledge’ (Meyer and Land, 2003)
- Opportunities for ongoing dialogue across disciplines.



Mental Health Nurse Academics (uk)

mhhe

enhancing learning and teaching about
mental health in higher education

- Links and connections?
- (How) might we work together?
- (How) can we complement one another's activity?

Links

www.heacademy.ac.uk/disciplines

www.heacademy.ac.uk/academic-associates

www.heacademy.ac.uk/funding

www.mhhe.heacademy.ac.uk

<http://mhhehub.ning.com/>

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