



VALUE Network – Employment Sub-group

Meeting in Leuven, BE 25 March 2009
Preparation work

First questions towards defining the issues and mapping its potential

FOCUS OF OUR THEME

As we discussed in Manchester, the theme of 'employment and volunteering related to university lifelong learning' is a large topic and it is up to us how we start to develop this theme. Some suggestions made in Manchester for discussion were:

- 1 APL/RPL - whilst this may be a strand we decide to pursue I think we have to be careful not to narrow the focus too much at this stage and also to cover a topic in-depth for which much work has already been done in the ULLL arena. So although I'm not discounting this as a topic I think we shouldn't automatically focus on this too much.
2. issues for those who are employed in VOs and who manage volunteers - training for managers etc. and identifying what ULLL course/support offerings there are for this
3. 'new professions' in this VO sector e.g. community facilitators in RO
4. issue of the balance of generic skills/learning and those specific to the particular VO e.g. sports sector or heritage sector and identifying what ULLL course/support offerings there are for this
5. Glossary of terms / a common understanding relevant to the theme

WHAT YOU NEED TO CONSIDER / DO FOR OUR MEETING:

- A. the employment theme and suggested topics of 1-5 above. Are there other topics/issues that come to mind? We can spend some time in March deciding exactly what we want to do (and we don't have to focus on just one or even 2 themes)
- B. resources you could identify and provide or provide links to - e.g. relevant websites, bibliography. Any suggestions for case studies
- C. which organisations/colleagues you could disseminate this to. Is there a defined group of stakeholders?
- D. Your expertise – what you/your organisation can bring to the group in terms of experience/knowledge e.g. experience of ULLL-Vo interactions?
- E. Your questions – what you want to learn from the subgroup activity/resources. I think it would be good if we all brought some specific questions to the meeting. For example - To your knowledge, is the issue addressed and considered important in the volunteering world or in the academic world?

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