



AUA CIVIC

(Cross-Institutional Virtual Interactive Collaboration):
Working Together in a digital age

North Wales and North West Regional AUA Network:

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Connecting
and developing
HE professionals



Introduction to our Regional AUA Network

AUA CIVICs (Cross-Institutional Virtual Interactive Collaborations)

What?

Six virtual collaboration meetings over a year (every 6-8 weeks) in which each participating institution invites members (and interested non members) to participate

How?

Up to nine institutions from the region participate in each AUA CIVIC using video conferencing via Google Hangouts; facilitated by local AUA Advocates

Why

Opportunity to work together, share ideas and good practice, enhance our CPD, network and develop our regional strategies and objectives

Topics

These are decided through discussion and debate during the first of the six annual CIVICs



AUA CIVIC 1:

- Opportunities for collaborations
- Regional AUA strategic planning and objectives
- Ideas for future CIVICs



AUA CIVIC 2

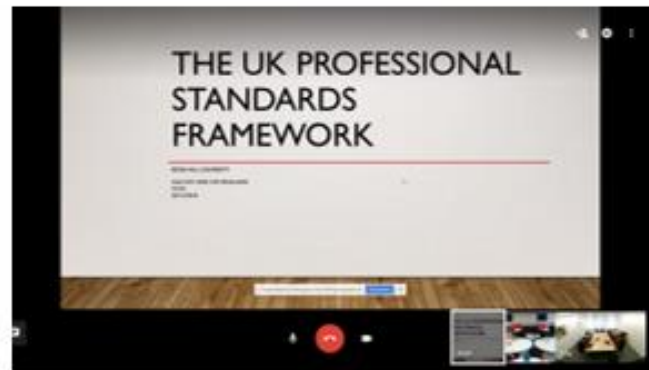


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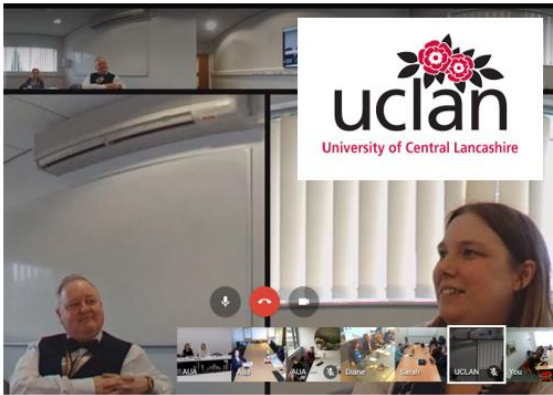
- Christmas Special – Collaborative Development in the AUA Professional Behaviours



AUA CIVIC 3:

- Regional AUA 'Erasmus-style' Shadowing and Knowledge Exchange Programme





AUA CIVIC 4
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AUA CIVIC 4:

- Regional virtual AUA mentoring and action learning sets

AUA CIVIC 5:

- Regional Volunteering Project

AUA CIVIC 6:

- Review, celebration and planning for 2019-20



- Ongoing monitoring via advocates network
- Discussed and reviewed at our periodic regional advocate network meetings
- Annual evaluation questionnaire for all participants

CIVIC Benefits

- Interaction with other universities virtually across campuses (saves on travel and time away from office)
- A solution to geographical challenge?
- Networking
- Personal and career development planning
- Getting to know other members
- Strengthening the regional network as we are working with each other more to develop ideas
- Being able to access views from other institutions where the 'way of thinking' might be different
- Sharing experiences of dealing with similar issues
- Carving out time to think

CIVIC Challenges

- Technology – time to all log in, flicking screens and noise
- Being clear about the aim
- Keeping on track, focussed and to time
- Rules of engagement
- Summarising post activity
- Finding the time!



CIVIC Taster

AUA Annual Conference CIVIC Taster - Topics:

- Development Activity: Finding Solutions
- Discussion: National AUA CIVIC topic ideas
- Discussion: National CIVIC plans – who, when, how?

Group Discussion: AUA CIVICs





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