



Engaging Our Students by Linking Enquiry-Based Learning, Learning Journals and Reflective Thinking

Thursday 7th February 2008

Hosted by The Higher Education Academy, York

The BMAF Subject Centre is supporting a workshop on: Learning Journals linked to Reflective Thinking – An enquiry-based approach to learning

Focus Area

This workshop is for academics in their role as university lecturer/teachers and will address how we can get students to maximize their learning through the use of 'Learning Journals' and 'Reflective Thinking'. Two main components are:

- How to develop our students' reflective thinking
- Strategies for getting students to use Learning Journals.

Focus Group

The session will be aimed at academic practitioners with an interest in getting students to engage in thinking and writing reflectively. The session will be workshop in style with focused presentations and small group discussions.

PROGRAMME

09.30 - 10.00	◆ Registration and Coffee
10.00 - 11.45	◆ Engaging our Students and Moving their Thinking from Recall to Reflection to Critical Reflection to Critical Reflexion
11.45 - 12.15	◆ Open Forum Discussion
12.15 - 13.15	◆ Lunch and Networking
13.15 - 14.00	◆ Connections between Thinking and Writing
14.00 - 15.00	◆ Strategies for engaging our students with their Learning Journals
15.00 - 15.30	◆ Discussion and closing remarks

The Presenter

Dr George Allan's approach to teaching has been viewed as very innovative. In particular, he has introduced a range of student-centred methods, which have generated a lot of interest nationally and internationally, as evidenced by his publication record, his success in securing funding and invitations to give presentations and lead workshops on 'Student-Centred Learning' and 'Enquiry-Based Learning'. For many students he is a very popular lecturer who has a great effect on their learning styles and as a consequence in the way they have managed their lives after university. He is a lecturer who clearly has made a significant impact on our students and has helped a large number of them to success along their chosen career paths by his encouragement of their thinking processes.