



AHECS Connect Newsletter - February 2022

Welcome to the February 2022 edition of Connect Newsletter.

AHECS will continue to foster a space for shared learning through our Lunch n Learn Series and Communities of Practice. We will also be continuing our newsletter, organising professional development training opportunities and we are hoping that soon we can return to in-person events.

We look forward to moving into this 'returning to normality' phase with you and ensure you that AHECS will be there every step of the way to advise, support and advocate.

In this edition you will find details on the following:

- Employability Awards Launch
- Lunch and Learn series February - April

Best wishes

Gavin Connell & Trevor Johnston.

Employability Awards Launch today, Friday 11th Feb 2022

This year will see the return of the AHECS Employability Awards. The three categories for nomination are:

1. **AHECS Building Effective Partnerships Award**
2. **AHECS Supporting Student/Graduate Employability Award**
3. **AHECS Strategic Innovation Award**

Please see details and scoring criteria for each individual category below.

AHECS Building Effective Partnerships Award

Who the Award is for: AHECS member services.

Who we are seeking nominations from: Those able to demonstrate effective collaboration with one or more organisations, with the ultimate aim of demonstrable benefits for the service's stakeholders.

Address the criteria fully. Judges will be looking for qualitative and quantitative evidence against the criteria below:

Criteria	Word Count	Scores
Positive outcomes/impact for HE careers and/or stakeholders and employability sector (including stakeholder feedback, e.g. quotes)	200 words	5 points
Effective collaboration and partnership , working within the group, service or across the sector	200 words	6 points

Raising the profile of higher education careers and employability professionals & demonstrating innovation in order to achieve better outcomes or make better use of resources	200 words	4 points
Demonstrable evidence of creating value to the organisation and/or sector that extends beyond expected timescales, initial aims and objectives	200 words	5 points
	800 Words	20 points

Applications will open on Friday 11th February 2022.

Applications will close at 14:00 Monday 7th March 2022. Late applications will not be accepted under any circumstance.

Submit applications online here for the [AHECS Building Effective Partnerships Award](#)

Any entry form that exceeds the word limit will not be accepted and your nomination will be withdrawn.

AHECS Supporting Student/Graduate Employability Award

Who the Award is for: AHECS member services.

Who we are seeking nominations from: Member services who can show effective development and implementation of an initiative with the ultimate aim of improving the student/graduate outcomes and learning gain.

Address the criteria fully. Judges will be looking for qualitative and quantitative evidence against the criteria below:

Criteria	Word Count	Scores
Positive outcomes/impact for stakeholders and/or HE careers and employability sector (including stakeholder feedback, e.g. quotes)	200 words	6 points
Effective use of data and student/graduate input	200 words	5 points
Demonstrable innovation in order to achieve better outcomes or make better use of resources	200 words	5 points
Establishing and sharing best practice to ensure high standards or service delivery to stakeholders & collaborating within the group, service or across the sector.	200 words	4 points
	800 Words	20 points

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AHECS Strategic Innovation Award

Who the Award is for AHECS member services.

Who we are seeking nominations from member services who can show the effective design or redesign of the way in which a service is delivered in order to adapt to changes and/or meet new demands, whether institutional, regional or sector-wide.

This can also include incorporating the use of new technologies.

Address the criteria fully. Judges will be looking for qualitative and quantitative evidence against the criteria below:

Criteria	Word Count	Scores
Demonstrable innovation in order to achieve better outcomes or make better use of resources	200 words	6 points
Positive outcomes/impact for stakeholders and/or HE careers and employability sector (including stakeholder feedback, eg quotes)	200 words	5 points
Demonstrable evidence of creating value to the organisation and/or sector that extends beyond expected timescales, initial aims and objectives	200 words	5 points

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Lunch and Learn Schedule February - April 2022

Date: Wednesday 16th February 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: Developing online careers support for International students

Date: Wednesday 2nd March 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: Design thinking in Careers

Date: Wednesday 16th March 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: Virtual Assessments - An Employer's perspective

Date: Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: Supporting LGBTI+ Students - with particular emphasis on Transgender students

Date: Wednesday 30th March 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: Communities of Practice - Social Media and the rise of Influencer Marketing

Date: Wednesday 13th April 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: To be confirmed

Date: Wednesday 27th April 2022

Time: 1pm

Topic: To be confirmed



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