

**Title:**                **Would Standards Help Partnerships?**

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**Abstract:**

**Introduction** - One suggested conference theme is “The role of professional standards in further and higher education”. A growing area of work for educational developers in further and higher education is developing partnerships. For example partnerships with colleges, schools and community associations for widening participation; partnerships with others HEIs and colleges for curriculum development; and partnerships with employers and professional associations to enhance employability for our students. Would the development of standards for partnership working help the developers who initiate and work through partnerships?

**Outcomes** - The workshop will encourage and support participants to reflect on the partnerships in which they are already engaged. What factors can we identify in a successful partnership? What is missing in a less successful one?

By the end of the workshop participants will have develop a set of standards or criteria which they could apply to a new partnership opportunity to test whether it is likely to be successful.

**Content** - The workshop will offer a short input on some models of partnerships working and some brief case studies. It will also enable the sharing and review of participants’ experiences of partnership working.

**Target audience** - The workshop will be of use to educational developers, teachers and administrator working or planning to work in partnerships.

**Participant activities** will include:

- Describing and reviewing experiences of partnership working
- Joining a group of developers with cognate interests
- Identifying factors which may have contributed to the success or otherwise of their partnerships
- Identifying individual and team capabilities for successful partnership working
- Devising a standard by which to (a) judge a potential partnership and (b) develop training processes for capabilities to increase the chances of successful partnership working