

NSW/ACT Forum: Unpacking co-curricular options: WIL for International Students

Thursday, 16 February 2016

This session will focus on the increasing number of WIL related co-curricular activities preparing international students for more formal WIL experiences and employment. Ranging from competitions, placements, one off events, group projects and mentoring, these different models are challenging the boundaries of WIL and providing genuine opportunities for international students to develop their employability skills and gain career confidence.

DRAFT MORNING SESSION OUTLINE

Time	Description	Presenter
9.30 – 9.35am	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Housekeeping 	Sarah
9.35 – 10.20am	<p>Panel discussion: the ‘who, what why’ of co-curricular (cc) activities. Panel members: Each panel member to explain their role and/or experience in cc WIL for international students briefly (e.g. 2-3 min each) as a foundation/starter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Westpac rep (confirmed) • International student – Wollongong Uni (confirmed) • Study NSW rep (confirmed) • WIL practitioner (SF tbc or practitioner from another uni) <p>Followed by facilitated Q&A to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the challenges of more formal WIL for international students? • What are the benefits of cc activities? To students, industry? • How can cc activities prepare students for future careers? • Why is diversity in the workplace important? For Industry? <p>40 minute discussion and 10 minute Q&A</p>	Facilitated by...
10.20am – 11.15am	<p>Interactive ‘unpacking discussion’ Using examples* sourced from universities as a tool, small groups will discuss how different models can best support students based on resources, student cohort and objectives. Each small group taking one example and ‘unpacking’ the positives and challenges & recommendations for improvement using own experiences.</p> <p>Examples to be sourced include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitions • Placements • One off events 	Facilitated by...

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • group projects and • mentoring <p>40 minute discussion and 15 minute individual group feedback</p>	
11.15-11.30am	Concluding remarks and close	Sarah Fletcher, Chair, ACEN NSW/ACT chapter
	<p>* Examples to be sourced from a short questionnaire to selected institutions based on the following Qs: Choose one campus/uni specific cc activity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the objectives? 2. What are the resources? (financial and/or staff/time – non-specific) 3. What is the timing and structure? 4. If any, who are you external stakeholders? (collaborative partners or faculty specific partners?) 5. What are the outcomes? 6. What are your main challenges? 7. Any key learnings? <p>Examples to target that we know of: Global Scope (Macquarie/USYD/UNSW/UTS/WOLL), Univariate (WOLL/USYD/UTS), Accomplish(UTS), Job Smart(USYD), Alumni Mentoring (USYD), Jobs on campus (UNSW) May need more uni's to target – WSU??</p>	