

Promoting Community Engagement for Vocational and Professional Education and Training

Venue

The Education University of Hong Kong
Block A - University Council Chamber

Organizers

UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre (Hong Kong), IELL and The PASCAL Observatory

Date & Time

15 March, 2018

09:15 – 13:15

Background

This symposium will discuss findings of two research studies. One, benchmarking research conducted in Hong Kong and several European cities and the second, a GRF study¹ on the importance of partnerships and community engagement for VPET. The benchmarking study in Hong Kong was a collaborative project between EdUHK² (UNEVOC Centre, Hong Kong and Department of International Education and Lifelong learning), University of Glasgow (School of Education)³, Hong Kong College of Technology and Hang Seng Management College. It used the benchmarking tool developed by University of Glasgow to evaluate the ways VPET institutions engage with their local region and communities. In Hong Kong, two VPET institutions were involved in the study between 2015 and 2017. The GRF study on partnerships for greening the Hong Kong economy examined the role of partnerships in supporting these processes.

This seminar discusses the effectiveness of the tool used for the benchmarking and reflects on the ways VPET institutions can be engaged with communities to benefit their social, economic and cultural development.

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Objectives and outcomes

- i. Reflect on the effectiveness of the benchmarking tool based on feedback received from participating institutions and identify improvements that can be made.
- ii. Discuss approaches and practices of colleges' community engagement and their impact on different aspects of development, including the greening of economies.

15 March, 2018 (Thursday)		
<i>Time</i>	<i>Programme</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
09:15-09:30	Registration	
09:30-10:30	<p>Welcome session</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Margarita Pavlova</p> <p>Welcome EdUHK representative or Education Bureau representative (TBC)</p> <p>Introduction to the benchmarking study in Hong Kong and the GRF study on <i>Greening Skills in Hong Kong: effective partnerships between vocational education, government and industry to support the greening of the economy</i>, Dr. Margarita Pavlova, Director UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre (Hong Kong)</p> <p>Understanding community and regional engagement – an overview of Pascal's work, Prof. Michael Osborne, Director of PASCAL Observatory for Europe, University of Glasgow</p> <p>How good is our college community engagement? – Measuring and benchmarking engagement, Dr. John Tibbitt, Honorary Senior Research Fellow, University of Glasgow and Vice-Chair Policy, PASCAL</p>	
10:30-11:00	Coffee break/networking	
11:00-12:00	<p>Evaluation of the process and utility of the benchmarking tool</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. John Tibbitt</p> <p>Hang Seng Management College (TBC) Dr. Shirley Yeung, Director, Centre for Corporate Sustainability and Innovation, Hang Seng Management College</p> <p>Hong Kong College of Technology Ms. Ada Li, Director, Communication and Institutional Advancement, HKCT</p>	

	Discussion	
12:00-13:00	<p>Supporting and developing colleges' engagement</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Michael Osborne</p> <p>Italian perspectives on the role of the TVET sector in the community, Prof. Roberta Piazza, University of Catania</p> <p>Multi-pronged community engagement to promote Vocational and Professional Education and Training, Mr. Leung Yam Shing, Deputy Executive Director, Vocational Training Council</p> <p>Discussion: Dialogue on effective partnerships</p>	
13:00 – 13:15	<p>Closing remarks and reflections on partnerships and community engagement of VPET, Dr. Margarita Pavlova, Director UNESCO-UNEVOC Centre (Hong Kong)</p>	