

Preparing International graduates for re-entry and associated post academic transition

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An important feature for universities and other tertiary providers. The value of sponsoring pre preparation programmes to assist international graduates in their transition from study to work and re-entry to home or other new environments is of inestimable value to the education institution and to its students. The good will generated and the connectiveness for a long term alumni generated adds greatly to the esteem with which the education institution is held and provides a great benefit to the graduating student.

Frequently graduating international students nearing the end of their course don't perceive of their need and motivating them to be in such preparation programmes can take a bit of work. Often denial of the likelihood of reverse culture shock only adds to its impact on return. This workshop will explore and showcase tried and proven ways of providing re-entry programmes within institutions. The team of Paul Stock, Janeen Mills and Terry McGrath have insider understanding and experience of work in this area and are familiar with a range of programmes. The workshop will be informative and provide hands on interaction with materials useful in re-entry and PAT programmes. Handbooks, simulation games and a variety of other techniques along with programme outlines will be provided. Participants in this workshop will also have opportunity to discuss their own ideas and practices and a full resource grab bag of showcased and additional ideas will be made available to all.

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