

## TLRP Meeting of Minds Fellowship Scheme: Final Report, January 2009

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### Aims of Fellowship

- An enhancement of Fellow's educational research skills and publication outputs;
- Successful achievement of further high quality research funding;
- Further development of educational research capacity at Trinity College, Carmarthen;
- An extension of learning and teaching underpinned by research at Trinity College, Carmarthen.
- Networking links with researchers at other HE institutions in Wales.

### Fellowship Activity

Although there were few formal meetings, and therefore no formal costs have been incurred, throughout the period 2006-7 and indeed to the present I have had much valued opportunities to discuss significant issues concerning inter-institutional collaboration, capacity building and educational research in Wales with my mentor, and I believe that this has contributed significantly to the progress that I have achieved. Latterly I have also been fortunate to work with, and learn alongside, Richard Daugherty to produce a report for the Strategic Forum for Research in Education.

### Outcomes

- PI for the ESRC/HEFCW funded education research capacity building pilot initiative , the Welsh Education Research Network (WERN).
- The first year of funding (2007-8) was successfully evaluated and as consequence funding has been extended to 2008-9.
- WERN has built collaborative links between HEIs in Wales and contributed to a development of educational research capacity in Trinity College, Carmarthen.
- A number of publications in peer reviewed journals have resulted or are in preparation (Davies and Salisbury (in press); Fowler et al. (in preparation)). A paper that was part of a keynote symposium was presented at BERA 2008, and this symposium has been selected to represent BERA at the AERA meeting in 2009.
- In 2008, joint production with mentor of Quality and Capacity in Education Research in Wales (SFRE Stimulus Report)

### Reference

Davies, S. and Salisbury, J. (in press) Building educational research capacity through inter-institutional collaboration: An evaluation of the first year of the Welsh Education Research Network (WERN), *Welsh Journal of Education*