

Improving Teaching, Enhancing Learning

Connecting evidence, practice and policy

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Teaching and Learning Research Programme - mission

- To promote high quality research on education, focused on improving outcomes for all types of student and designed to be relevant to the practice of teaching and learning

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TLRP - progress

- RAE 2008 will be a key indicator
- Interim review by NFER pointed to success in the programme
- ESRC has rated the majority of projects as good or outstanding

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Benefits of long term, stable investment

- £23m invested in the programme by HEFCE
- Trusted ESRC and TLRP to manage programme
- TLRP has been able to develop thematic, principle based analysis of schools projects
- Focus on non-compulsory sector for 2009

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Widening Participation

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- WP and fair access research strategy 2004
- Consultation prior to publication
- Policy focussed and driven
- 'Blue skies', exploratory research

Our response

- Defined role in relation to research
- Number of options
- Additional £2 million for WP strand of TLRP in 2005

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WP Evidence

- Seven TLRP WP projects commissioned
- Young participation in higher education
- Barriers review published
- Aimhigher evaluation
- HEFCE Review of widening participation
- Capacity building programme
- Four cities/communities research



Implications for policy

- 14-19 curriculum changes (diplomas)
- Continuing priority of STEM
- Emphasis on adult skills and workforce development
- Development of inclusive learning environments

Broader context

- Emphasises importance of teaching
- Demonstrates support for scholarship and pedagogic research
- Long term support and investment in the enhancement of learning and teaching

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