

Information Futures Exploratory Workshops

23rd April to 1st May 2008

1.5 hours each

Various small venues

Advertised to staff as:

In late April we will facilitate a series of exploratory workshops to frame the broad objectives of the strategy. Participants will examine draft statements outlining possible strategies and their implications informed by an understanding of Growing Esteem aspirations, external changes, our existing capabilities and feedback to date. These workshops are themed around the strands of the triple helix.

Purpose:

1. To get a wider audience engaged in the IFC process and talking to one another
2. To generate ideas, particularly ones the project team or expert panel may have missed for what could be done, given the drivers/inputs.

Deliverables

1. List of any strategic drivers or planning assumptions that are missing.
2. Visions for information & technologies that would help the participants in their job roles.
3. List of views on the big things that would make us leaders.

Preparation

No preparation was requested.

Workshop Agenda

Time	Activity	Preparation/Notes
2	Start once enough people arrive – suggest waiting at least 10 minutes after official start time). Welcome and Introductions – facilitator/all Ask for name/positions and why chose to come	
5	Introduction to the IFC/workshops IFC: Why the commission and why now? Scope of IFC coverage. Purpose of workshop: to elicit good ideas and to open up discussion from different people and different disciplines	IFC intro using the 2 diagrams of information lifecycle and of process
10	Introduce strategic drivers/environment and assumptions for the strand of the workshop Aim for understanding and ask for any that we may have missed.	Sheet of strategic drivers & implications
35	Group work groups of 3-4 (only if 6 or more attendees) What would be useful for you as a staff member or student doing your job? – use the drivers and implications as input into areas of coverage Its about you telling us what we need to help you. First get people to write their first few idea on stickies and then read them out to start the ideas flow - keep going around the group/room until exhausted. Try to group as we go and write headings for some of the groups.	stickies, markers Butcher paper
15	Report back from groups on main points (if groups are used) – clumping by the facilitator/reporter of the key ideas. Can group into 3 butcher papers as people, content, infrastructure, but this is not important. Then general/broad discussion – try to pick up on points of difference/synergy.	stickies, markers butcher paper to stick to.
5	1 big thing we could do that would make us a leader. Write it on a sticky in large print. Then ago around the room and collect each in turn and read out – next person can agree with any or give their own.	stickies, markers butcher paper to stick to.
	Wrapup - Thank attendees for input	
1:12 Total		