



Leadership and Assessment: Strengthening the Nexus Summary Report May 2007

1. Action Research Enablers

1.1 LEAP Forum

April's forum was held on Wednesday 2nd May. The main discussion was on **Leadership models** with Penelope Watson reporting on theoretical frameworks (e.g. Duigan and Sergiovanni) used by the Victorian Department of Education. This was followed by a mini-workshop on **in-depth interviewing** skills as preparation for step 2 of the assessment audit and as a strategy to minimise distortion in data (a concern expressed by human ethics).

Resources distributed

CPD (2007). 1,2,3, *Steps in interviewing*.

Guion, L.A. (2006). *Conducting an in-depth interview*. FCS6012. University of Florida, IFAS extension. Retrieved from <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/FY393>

Keats, D. (200). *Interviewing: A practical guide for students and professionals*. Sydney: University of New South Wales, pp 26-28.

May's forum was held on Wednesday, 30th May. This forum focussed on preparation by the LEAP team for the forthcoming *Carrick Practice in Leadership Workshop*. The DVD "*Leadership in Teaching*" (CEDAM ANU) was viewed (or re-viewed) and used as a stimulus for discussion. After starting a discussion on a critical leadership incident, each ARE was asked to write up one succinct paragraph on a critical incident. Marina will also forward resources on critical incidents. This forum opened with the launch of the new infant's wear range "Little LEAPers".

1.2 Reflection Sessions

With the delay in ethics approval and the consequent delay in commencing step 2 of the assessment profile, no reflection sessions were conducted this month with the Action Research Enablers.

1.3 Ethics

After responding to conditions of approval by the ethics committee, final approval was notified initially by email on 10th May (with written approval to follow). AREs are now able to commence step 2 of the assessment profile.

2. Project Dissemination

2.1 REAP online conference

Registration for the conference closed early (before the 18th due to high demand). This international conference was conducted 29th – 31st May and sponsored by the REAP project. Our case study was uploaded to the REAP digital archive. Excellent keynotes and case papers can be downloaded from the site

<http://ewds.strath.ac.uk/tabid/72/Default.aspx>

Our case study can be found at

<http://ewds.strath.ac.uk/CaseStudyLibrary/tabid/89/Default.aspx>

2.2 AARE

Refereed paper (Harvey and Fraser) submitted Friday, 18th May in preparation for distribution at the Focus 2007 conference in June.

2.3 ISSOTL

All presenters for the panel presentation have been both registered as members (of ISSOTL) and registered for the one day of the conference (that is, Tuesday 3rd July) when they are presenting. The panel members will meet to plan their presentation at the June LEAP forum.

2.4 Steering Committee

Professor Mike Johnson was invited and accepted membership of the committee as a replacement for Bruce Kercher. Marcella Freiman has replaced Marnie Hughes-Warrington, representing Humanities.

A steering committee meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd May. The presentation by Jan Orrell and Sharon Parry has been postponed. For further details of the meeting please read the minutes of that meeting, uploaded to the project's WebCT site.