

Inclusive Practice Conference 2020

Inclusive Assessment - From Learning Outcomes to Assessment; Issues, Solutions and Design

Hi, I'm Judy Fessey and along with my colleague, Dr. Anne Emerson, I will be co-hosting the workshop that we've called 'From Learning Outcomes to Assessment; Issues, Solutions and Design'.

This workshop is a practical follow-on from Dr. Emerson's keynote lecture, where she will review current thinking around assessment and consider idealism versus reality in assessment design. As with all things, it's not enough simply to consider the theory. It also behoves us to relate that theory to our practices. To achieve this, we'll be applying the theory from the keynote lecture and practising assessment design based on learning outcomes.

The workshop will start with a discussion of the main questions around assessment choice and design, focussing specifically on the triad of authenticity, choice, and inclusion. This is followed by a practical session in which you'll have the opportunity to put your thoughts into practice and design assessments which are underpinned by these three constructs and which address specific sets of learning outcomes. Since the learning outcomes have been gathered from a range of university programmes, it's hoped they'll provide a realistic starting point and that the task will demonstrate the many alternative possibilities in the approach to assessment that might arise from the same outcomes.

The workshop will close by bringing together the ideas from the practical session and by discussing the use of learning outcomes rather than equivalencies to determine the validity of assessment. The workshop will be applicable to you if you have responsibility for designing, implementing, and marking assessments in higher education. And, as such, it's hoped that by attending you'll have the opportunity to have a robust discussion on the future of assessment practices in higher education, whilst also considering the widest range of valid assessment formats and how they might be utilised. So, I look forward to seeing you at the conference. Thank you.