

Programme for the Societal Challenge Themes in Learning and Teaching event

Friday April 20th 2012, 2-5pm, Upstairs Exhibition Space at the Great North Museum: Hancock

Programme

2pm Tea/coffee on arrival

2.15pm Opening remarks – Ella Ritchie and Suzanne Cholerton

2.30pm Examples part 1, 10min each

- *Living Lab* (Sustainability), Stephanie Glendinning and Peter Manning
- *Ageing – Biology and Impact*, Institute for Ageing and Health (Ageing), Lynne Corner.
- *ACTION 2011* Societal Challenge Themes and entrepreneurship programme, Elizabeth Scanlon and Gail de Blanquiere

3.15pm Discussion and tea/coffee and cake

3.45pm Examples part 2, 10min each

- *CEGS redesign of curriculum* (Sustainability), Stephanie Glendinning and Jean Hall
- *Street Law* project, (Social Renewal) Kathryn Hollingsworth with Katie Sheehan (student)
- *Exploring enterprise, entrepreneurship and enhancing employability through addressing societal challenges*, Jane Nolan
- *The hills are alive with the sound of recycling*, Working with student interns to encourage students to recycle (Sustainability), Hannah Munro, Sustainability Officer (ESS)

4.30pm What now? Discussions and feedback on ways to take this forward

5pm close

Student posters on projects relating to the Societal Challenge Themes will be on display throughout the event.

Societal Challenge Themes in Learning and Teaching event

Newcastle University is focussing on three Societal Challenge themes as a response to some of the most pressing needs within society. Our three themes are:

- **Ageing.** Our Ageing theme is a development of our expertise on the ageing process and the implications for society. We have the largest number of academics working on aspects of ageing in Europe, many based on a purpose-built campus operated in partnership with the NHS Trust.
- **Sustainability.** Sustainability can be summarised as: '**enough, for all, forever**'. Drawing on Newcastle University's world-leading expertise in the fields of natural and urban environments, agriculture, transport, water, energy, marine technology and clean industrial production, the Newcastle Institute for Research on Sustainability has been established to develop innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing problems.
- **Social Renewal.** Newcastle has significant strengths in research relating to how individuals, communities and organisations adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing and challenging environment. We have created the Newcastle Institute for Social Renewal as a hub for research activity which is focused on asking the big questions facing our society.

Significant emphasis has already been placed on the impact of our research on these societal challenges. We are now increasing our focus on how our learning and teaching provision might reflect our commitment to these themes, and providing real opportunities for our students to make a difference to our knowledge and awareness of these global issues.

This event showcases examples of how and where these Societal Challenge Themes are currently embedded in learning and teaching and where research directly related to a Societal Challenge Theme is providing learning opportunities for students. We hope that such models will provide transferable ideas and opportunities to demonstrate how the same Societal Challenge Theme-related research can be embedded into the teaching in degree programmes, and into broader learning opportunities available to students.