

Activity 2 Leadership Workshop



The leadership workshop was an additional activity that was introduced in stage 2 in response to feedback from stage 1 scholars.

The rationale for this activity was similar to that of the leadership retreat in providing an opportunity for scholars to further develop their conception of leadership in the context of higher education.

Additionally, the leadership workshop provided an opportunity for scholars to reconnect and forge their relationships and work together to plan and organise the national roundtable.

Context

The Leadership Workshop was held at the Stamford Grand Hotel, Glenelg South Australia on 16th and 17th June 2008. The Workshop was attended by all thirteen scholars, project leaders from two of the participating universities (University of Wollongong and La Trobe University) and the project manager.

Program of Activities

The leadership workshop activities focused on:

1. Trialing a World Café forum as a possible presentation strategy for the national roundtable;
2. Exploring emotional intelligence competencies in relation to leading in a higher education context; and
3. Roundtable planning.

Success Factors of this Activity as Reported by Scholars

The leadership workshop reignited scholars' enthusiasm and momentum in facilitating their faculty-based projects and greatly assisted formal planning for the national roundtable.

"I think from Glenelg [workshop venue] onwards is when everything started to fall into place." (2008 Scholar)

Links and Resources

For a more detailed overview of the Workshop agenda, associated resources and evaluation visit:
www.uow.edu.au/cedir/DistributiveLeadership



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*“Roundtable planning was crucial as the email/video-conferencing did not allow us to reach a consensus – it could generate a list but not a decision.”
(Workshop evaluation 2008)*

“A useful aspect of the day was] the world café experience and understanding the concept and how it could be used [for the roundtable].” (Workshop evaluation 2008)