

How can we facilitate and encourage research in EAP Teaching Centres?



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English for Academic Study

- Developing an environment for CPD
- Developing frameworks for SoTL

(Scholarship of Teaching and Learning)



BALEAP Competency Framework for Teachers of English for Academic Purposes

Academic practice	an EAP teacher will
Personal learning, development and autonomy	recognize the importance of applying to his or her own practice the standards expected of students and other academic staff.

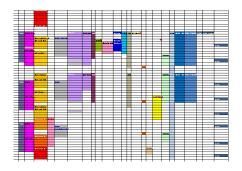
BALEAP (2008) Competency Framework for Teachers of English for Academic Purposes.

- ...research engagement has the potential to be a powerful transformative force in the work and professional development of language teachers (Borg, 2010:391).
- To update and expand subject specific knowledge to further understanding of our field and related fields (including attending / presenting papers at professional meetings).

(EFL Tutor, Job Description; English for Academic Study)



English for Academic Study



- Variety of courses
- Range of teacher interests & expertise

➤ How to encourage engagement, innovation and development?



Developing an environment for CPD

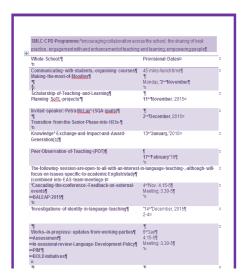
A journey...

.....from little acorns...

..... developed over time

Engaging with SoTL & Research

- Seminars /peer-led workshops
- Induction days
- EAP & TELT Reading groups

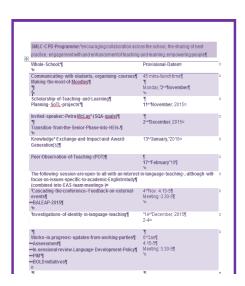




Engaging with SoTL & Research

- Peer Observations
- Learning & Teaching at UoG

- Support for external events
- Support for further study (MEd/EdD/PhD...)

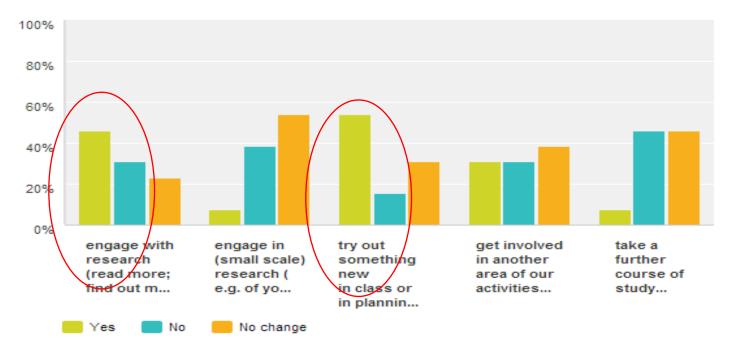




Some engagement with and in

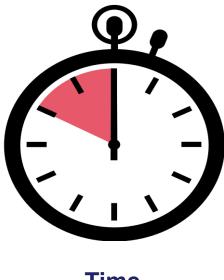
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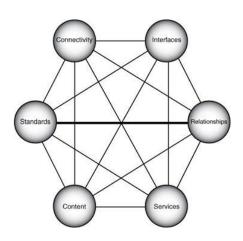




Challenges



Time



Need for frameworks

Developing frameworks, providing opportunities

- SoTL input
 - 1. from learning & teaching Unit
 - 2. examples from our unit
- Working parties
- Timings & Time

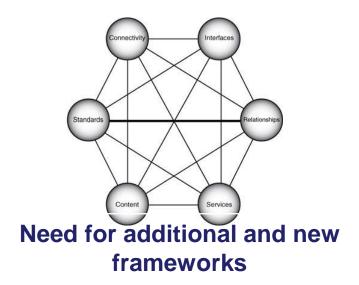




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Time?



e.g. Writing proposals and proceedings; ways to disseminate; frameworks for SoTL/research



Thank you.

Comments, questions, suggestions?

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