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Title: Careers Summit/CUSP (College University Subject Partnership)

Transition(s) the practice supports: The Careers CUSP supports the college to university transition and also the transition from university to work or postgraduate study. It also supports employability and the development of graduate attributes.

Abstract: One of the measures of success for the Glasgow Caledonian University's College Connect Strategy 2013-2020 is to increase graduate prospects and graduate-level employment for articulating students. In December 2014 College Connect hosted a Career's Summit to which GCU and partner college career's staff were invited. The purpose of the event was to learn about the careers and employability work being undertaken in both sectors and begin to work together to develop a Careers Development Roadmap for articulating students. Participants found the event so useful that it was decided to establish a Careers CUSP based on the successful model established by the Greater Glasgow Articulation Partnership.

Description: The College Connect Strategy 2013-2020 was developed by Glasgow Caledonian University (GCU) to support and develop its relationship with its partner colleges and students. The Strategy is designed to promote and support widening participation across the Scottish Higher Education sector through increasing the number of students progressing to degree-level study from college.

College Connect consists of two main strands of work, both of which are informed by a robust evidence base and evaluation strategy, namely:

- supporting the student experience of articulation
- strategic and operational partnerships with colleges

Adopting a holistic student lifecycle approach College Connect not only supports the transition from college into university, but also the transition out of university and has undertaken work to support careers articulation. The first stage of this work took place in December 2014 when College Connect hosted a Careers Summit which was attended by GCU careers professionals and their counterparts from the college sector. The Summit examined the work undertaken in both sectors and colleagues worked in groups to develop a Careers Development roadmap and identify priority activities to support careers articulation.



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One of the main actions from the Summit was that colleagues welcomed the opportunity to meet as a group and it was decided to establish a Careers College University Subject Partnership (CUSP). CUSPs have been established in diverse subject areas and provide the opportunity for lecturing staff from the University and our partner colleges to come together to discuss a wide range of issues including curriculum mapping and the differences in learning, teaching and assessment methods between the sectors. The Careers CUSP will allow staff to share good practice across the sectors and further develop the Careers Development Roadmap.

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