

Shared Services in the Further Education Sector (FE)

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Shared Services in FE



Covering three key areas:

- Efficiency Innovation Fund Projects
- Grant Fund Projects
- Spreading Good Practice

Background to the Efficiency and Innovation fund



- 41 Projects involving over 180 Colleges and other bodies shared £4.6 million to:
 - identify ways of improving service delivery of both back office functions and frontline services;
 - determine where efficiency savings can be made; and
 - find solutions to barriers and problems that collaborating groups can come up against.

Outcomes of the Efficiency and Innovation Projects



- Feasibility Studies & Business Cases produced to investigate new ways of working .
- Lessons Learnt gathered for the sector – Culture/Leadership/Governance. Solutions to barriers identified.
- Shared Services projects included:
 - Shared Back office Functions – MIS/FINANCE/HR
 - Sharing of Staff – Procurement/MIS & Potential Sharing of Principal
 - Sharing of VLE Modules (Virtual Learning Environment)
 - Sharing of Curriculum with HE
 - Regional Sharing of Disaster Recovery
 - Employer Engagement through Sharing
 - Mutualisation

Grant Fund Projects



A further £6.5million Grant Fund Project

- 6 College projects, involving 49 Colleges
 - Adult enterprise curriculum development
 - Creation of a Shared Services Centre
 - Federation Development & Shared Services Programme
 - Federation of Strategic Services Project (FeSSP)
 - Curriculum development
 - Outsourced shared services

Grant Fund Projects – Cloud Computing



- Cloud Computing Projects, £1 million to progress Cloud Computing in Further Education College.
- The deadline for the submission of bids is **5.00 p.m. on 16 April 2012.** Submission Details available on the AoC Website.
- This programme will fund a limited number of College based projects at **two** different stages of planning and implementing Cloud Computing.
- **Category 1. Implementing Software as a Service.**
Moving their Virtual Learning Environment to be hosted and managed externally
- **Category 2. Implementing infrastructure as a service.**
Transfer of significant College applications, such as MIS, to external data centres hosted and managed by Cloud Computing providers.
Supplementary applications such as the development off externally hosted applications for mobile technology devices.

Spreading Good Practice



➤ 16 Case Studies

Can be found on the AoC website; www.aoc.co.uk

Policy and Advice/Shared Services/EIF Funding/Case Studies

➤ 4 Video Case Studies

Can be found on the AoC website; www.aoc.co.uk

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➤ Lessons Learnt, Research Report and User Guide

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Policy and Advice/Shared Services/EIF Funding/Lessons Learnt

➤ Legal Advice and Reports

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