FE-HE Collaboration in Action

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St Helens College Profile

HE Numbers 2008/09

Full time:	360
Part time:	600
Total:	1,000

St Helens College Profile

University partners:

Edge Hill University
Liverpool John Moores University
University of Salford
University of Central Lancashire
Sheffield Hallam University
University of Huddersfield

Case Study: Edge Hill University

"more than just a validating partnership"

- Competitive collaborative tensions
- Key – the Greater Merseyside and West Lancashire Lifelong Learning Network

Case Study: Edge Hill University

- chaired by Vice Chancellor Edge Hill
- Board member
- St Helens College lead on Cultural Industries

Hallmarks of a successful LLN

- Creation of an effective partnership based on mutual trust and respect
- Successful additional numbers bid
- Sectoral focus relevant to individuals and the economy
- Effective learner engagement

Development of the relationship

- Identification of validation and Curriculum development potential - St Helens College directly funded by HEFCE

Development of the relationship

- Joint response to Government priorities
  - Initial teacher training
  - Children's workforce development
- Joint sponsors of an 11-18 Academy

The Academy Proposal

Benefits of partnership for St Helens College:

- Improved transition
- Enhanced understanding of the pre 16 curriculum
- Step change in quality improvement
- Focus on teaching and learning

The Academy Proposal

- Specialisms: - Science
  - Sport

- Every child Matters – Being healthy

- Expression of interest approved – now at feasibility

The Academy Proposal

- Key partners will include:
  - Primary Care Trust for Halton and St Helens
  - Carmel College – a beacon VI form College
  - St Helens Chamber – focus on employment and enterprise

The Academy Proposal

- Uniquely the Training and Development Agency with its focus on the professional development of the children's workforce

A dream fulfilled.