Foundation degrees: Does FE really need HE?

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Foundation degrees – does FE need HE?

- To put it another way, perhaps…
  - do FE colleges need HE institutions?
  - or does HEFCE need FE colleges?
  - or, does FE need HEFCE?

- Mutualism or commensalism?

HE in FE – what, where, who and why

- What is it?
- Where is it done?
- Who does it?
- Why is it important?

Why do FECs need HEIs?

- Funding
- Validation
- Collaboration
- Progression

What can FECs do without HEIs?

- Widening participation strategic assessments
- Higher education strategies
- Development of higher skills through non-prescribed qualifications

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- It depends…
  - If a college gets Foundation degree awarding powers – then, no
  - But the majority of colleges will be ineligible to apply – so, yes

Does FE need HE?
And does HE need FE?

- Yes!
- And, yes!
- Mutualism persists…

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