



Learner Journeys

Learner journeys can include traditional, full time learning experiences to bite-sized learning occurring at various paces, places and modes. Supporting learner experiences irrespective of learning approach lies at the heart of maximizing life-wide achievements. Reflective practice enables greater self-awareness of personal and discipline related knowledge and skills and enhances leadership and management from personal and team perspectives. Appropriate use of technology encourages communication and enables learning to occur on an "anytime, anyhow, anywhere basis". Selected projects will highlight the enhancement of learner journeys involving staff and students along a

career in the UK and Europe.

Professor Jo Smedley has been a Visiting Lecturer at Halmstad since 1999 predominantly teaching on Business Informatics Exchange modules to international students in IDE. Her link with Halmstad originated from the Swedish Double Degree programme with the University of Worcester enabling Swedish students to study their undergraduate course in the UK. Jo's career has included posts at the University of Worcester, Aston University, JISC and the University of South Wales where she is now Professor of Learning Innovation and Head of Flexible Development and Student Success in the Centre for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT).

Jo's action research and practice focused work focuses on enhancing and enriching student experiences and achievements by enabling and encouraging different pedagogic approaches enabling wider ranges of students to learn – both on-campus and at a distance. Invariably, this involves the use of technology – not just through the learning, teaching and assessment experiences but also as an embedded part of staff and student life. Her action research focuses on applying appropriate blends of information technologies to enhance personal and business performance in academic and corporate organisations.

From a personal perspective, Jo enjoys sport, music, travelling and spending time with friends. In her fifteen year of visiting Halmstad, she enjoys sampling Swedish delicacies, practising her Swedish, spending time with Swedish friends and celebrating Swedish festivals. Midsommar is the remaining one - definitely something for 2015!