

Interdisciplinary Learning and Teaching Conference, Wednesday 10th April

*Workshop: The Future of Interdisciplinary Education; Thoughts and Dreams*

Advise to your chancellor about the future of interdisciplinary education

Dear chancellor,

Please,

- *Diversify your income streams for lifelong interdisciplinary learning and teaching.*
- *Let's start doing it –seriously*
- *Focus on social and economic problems without depending too much on the needs of the market.*
- *Bring interdisciplinarity to primary and secondary education*
- *Those delivering interdisciplinary education need disciplinary identities (and no specialists in interdisciplinarity).*
- *Give your students the chance to learn! (breadth of knowledge matters in a changing and emerging world).*
- *Respect your staff for the whole person, no more TEF & REF thinking.*
- *Provide the opportunity for interdisciplinary education because most societal, political and environmental issues require interdisciplinary understanding.*
- *Include interdisciplinary advisers to sit on boards directing university policy.*
- *Develop outreach programmes to high schools to explain and encourage interdisciplinarity.*
- *Invest more in interdisciplinary research, teaching & learning for the benefit of our future*
- *Teach all student (all courses) about interdisciplinarity, its value and impact on future employability*
- *Value interdisciplinary expertise and programmes that already exist – we don't have to create from a blank page*
- *Get rid of faculties*
- *Recognise the value and benefits of the open programme for the University and for the students.*
- *Invest in people and treat your staff well - the student experience will be of a higher quality – that will bring more people to the course – and finally bring the money to reinvest.*
- *Create staffrooms that encourage / oblige academics to collaborate (or even recognise each other's existence)*
- *Make more links between subjects and disciplines.*