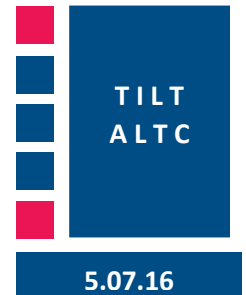


Transforming learning through Scholarship Session Abstract



Student engagement: Strategies for developing a sense of belonging

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The paper was contextualised within current 'Student Engagement' literature and drew on research themes from a 'Community of Practice'.

The session outlined the design and detail of a student conference that was held for first year students at the University of Lincoln during Welcome Week on 'A Sense of Belonging', with 250 students taking part in the event.

The University of Lincoln prides itself on leading the sector for student engagement within its learning, teaching and research.

Student Engagement within Lincoln Business School has focused on the engagement of students through: - the design of new courses; co-chairing subject committees; the development of professional identity and developing inclusive international education. The student conference aimed to enrich 'Student Engagement' further amongst first year students to address and develop their 'personal' and 'academic sense of confidence'.

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