

Developing innovative minds: how to foster independent thinking as student numbers rise

Friday 16 June 2017

Nanyang Executive Centre (NEC), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

Programme

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12.00-13.00 **NTU campus tour** | Meet in Foyer of NEC Education Wing for prompt 12:00 departure

13.00-14.00 **Registration and Lunch** | Education Wing Atrium, Level 2, NEC

14.00-14.15 **Welcome** | Lecture Hall 1, Level 2, NEC

- **Professor Bertil Anderson**, President, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- **Dr Joanna Newman**, Secretary General, The Association of Commonwealth Universities

14.15-15.35 **Session 1: Nurturing innovative, independent and enquiring minds: how to support students at pre-university and undergraduate level**

In this session panel speakers will share best practice examples and discuss practical ways to help students develop independent, creative and analytical thinking skills.

Chair: Dr Joanna Newman, Secretary General, ACU

- **Professor Kam Chan Hin**, Deputy Provost, Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore – *Developing research and lifelong learning skills at undergraduate level*
- **Professor Lisa Ng**, Deputy Executive Director of A*STAR Graduate Academy – *The promotion of science at pre-university level*
- **Professor John Wood CBE FEng**, former ACU Secretary General – *Creativity: Open Science and Citizen Science*

15.35-16.05 **Refreshment break** | Education Wing Atrium, Level 2, NEC

16.05-17.25 **Session 2: Supporting postgraduate, excellence and innovation**

This session will explore how universities can best support and motivate the next generation of academics and researchers, including how to develop the independent and analytical thinking skills needed for post-graduate and post-doctoral research.

Chair: Dr John Kirkland, Deputy Secretary General, ACU

Panel of Commonwealth Doctoral Scholars and Vice-Chancellors – What can universities do to motivate early career researchers?

- **Mr William Arlidge**, Commonwealth Doctoral Scholar from New Zealand (*University of Oxford*)

- **Professor Paul Boyle**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester, UK
- **Mr Himadri Das**, Commonwealth Doctoral Scholar from India (*Imperial College London*)
- **Miss Ijugila Thilza**, Commonwealth Doctoral Scholar from Nigeria (*University of Bristol*)
- **Professor Idris A. Rai**, Vice-Chancellor, The State University of Zanzibar, Tanzania

17.25-17.30 **Closing remarks**

17.30-19.00 **Reception for delegates, CSC alumni and invited guests** | Function Hall 1, Level 3, NEC