Bioscience Mentors

An e-mentoring group for individuals interested in Teaching and Scholarship in the Biosciences

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Mentorship

Is there a need or demand for Mentors?

- A Mentor, An "experienced and trusted advisor"
- Colleagues feel:
 - Teaching comes a clear second to research
 - No real reward for Teaching & Scholarship activity
 - Promotion can be achieved by research alone
- 95% of respondents surveyed would utilise a mentoring scheme
- Advice and guidance required in many different aspects of teaching and scholarship

Need Advice?

- Guidance notes on different topics
 - "Dos and don'ts when applying for a teaching fellowship"
 - "How to enhance a Teaching &Scholarship CV"
 - "Educational journals and impact factors"

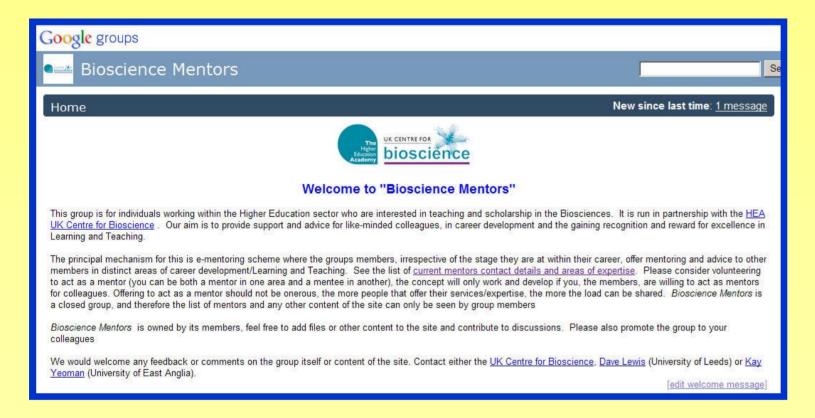
Development of Bioscience Mentors

• Discussion forum to exchange information or ideas

Discussions View: Topic list, Topic summary Sort by: Latest message, First message Topic <u>Times Higher Education article on T&S reward & recognition</u> <u>Centre for Biosciences "Teacher of the Year" award</u>

Our solution?

Bioscience Mentors: An e-mentoring group



- Run as a Google Group
- Open to colleagues from any area of the Biosciences

Searchable database of Mentors

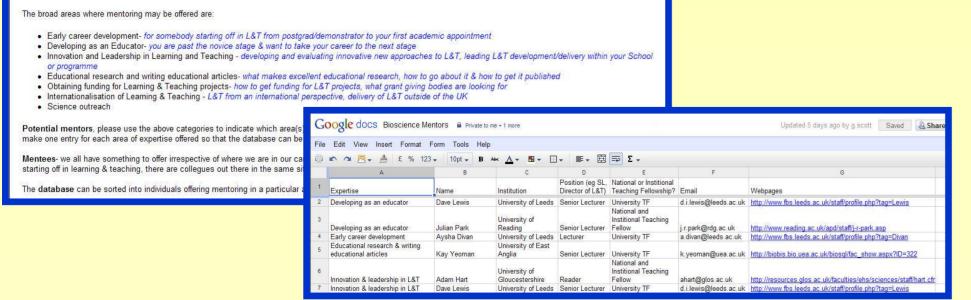
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Current mentors contact details & areas of expertise	Ed
You can download the current list of mentors and their area(s) of expertise or add yourself to the list at http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc? key=0AkgJTfF7Z1BadEw3bWZtNHV3MENod0dYQTZkTFImaFE&hl=en	

Interested? Why not join today?

- We believe that:
 - verybody, regardless of what stage they are at in their career, has something to offer
 - You can be both a mentor and mentee, receiving mentoring in one area whilst providing mentoring to others in a different area
- Contact Kay at <u>k.yeoman@uea.ac.uk</u> or Dave at <u>D.I.Lewis@leeds.ac.uk</u>
- Publicise the group to like-minded colleagues

Future Developments

- Active recruitment of new members and development of the site
- Teaching symposium / career development workshop in Leeds or Belfast in Jan 2011



- Mentoring available for:
 - both those starting out in L&T to the experienced practitioner
 - from developing innovative L&T to publishing educational research

• Interested? Contact Dave (d.i.lewis@leeds.ac.uk)

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