

A Good Practice Guide on Student Mobility

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The Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE)**

Bill Rammell, the Minister of State for Lifelong Learning, Further and Higher Education, has commissioned the Council for Industry and Higher Education (CIHE) to undertake a short study intended to help institutions promote greater outwards mobility by their students. Currently few domestic students are travelling overseas despite the efforts made by many institutions to encourage this movement and some evidence from employers that an international outlook makes graduates more employable.

The study will look at all forms of overseas experience from formal placements or degree programmes and exchanges on research projects to more informal activities such as volunteering. It will identify how these are being promoted and encouraged by institutions and will show examples of how the barriers to such mobility are being overcome. The primary audience for the Guide will be senior managers in HEIs and the overall aim is to provide pointers for those seeking to do more in this area.

The study is able to draw on evidence emerging from a parallel exercise on internationalising higher education being undertaken for all the UK funding councils and the British Council by the CIHE. The emerging conclusions will be discussed at conferences in London (4th October) and Manchester (5th October) – see www.cihe-uk.com/cihenews.php

This work on a Good Practice Guide is being directed by Richard Brown, the Chief Executive of CIHE, with John Fielden of CHEMS Consulting as the team leader, supported by Professor Robin Middlehurst and Steve Woodfield from the University of Surrey.

The Guide will be launched by the Minister on 18th July 2007 at the same time as the formal inauguration of the International Unit of Universities UK.

We are seeking examples of good practice and these should be sent to John Fielden at Johnfielden@btopenworld.com

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