

# Developing Learner Autonomy Through Student-Led Resource Creation Within The FDS Learning Hubs

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**FDS Learning Hubs** create a vehicle through which to promote, develop and embed strong and innovative learning and teaching practices. Physical space in the Learning Hubs allow for learning through shared experience and knowledge. The focus of this project is not on a module or a course but on the student within the Learning Hub itself. Indirect links to modules provide a positive dimension to the project.

We aim is to provide the opportunity for teams of students to work as enquirers to create 're-usable learning resources to be displayed within the Learning Hubs with the aim of meeting the objectives detailed below.

## Objectives

- provide the opportunity for extra-curricular activity to enhance student learning and skills development
- develop new resources through student-led research and experience
- use the physical space to share experiences and resources

## Anticipated outcomes

- the creation of 're-usable' learning resources
- development of activity which could be replicated each year and rolled out across the Faculty
- increase in student engagement and improvement in skills levels

## So far so good...

- specific student team projects have been identified
- positive reaction from teaching staff who have provided links to modules
- initial interest from students who are keen to be involved

## Challenges

- delayed start to the project due to the number of other activities taking place during semester 1 in the Learning Hubs
- ongoing engagement of students in extra-curricular activity
- evaluation of student team projects and how this will feed into overall evaluation of project

## Looking forward

The project team is looking forward to the project being fully operational from the beginning of semester 2.

Reusable learning resources created will be displayed in the Learning Hubs. Experiences from the project and evaluation will be disseminated across the Faculty. It is hoped that similar projects will run in the future in order to for us to continue to offer our students greater opportunities for developing their skills.



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Further information about the Learning Hubs can be found by visiting the virtual Learning Hub intranet pages;  
<https://staff.shu.ac.uk/fds/workStudents/Ita/learningHub.asp#>