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Employability Key Note: Changing the Way We Teach or Thinking About Our Disciplines as More Than Content? Linking Research-Teaching-Employability

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This keynote raises the question of how we can link two macro-level contextual changes in the demands on an undergraduate degree: Researcher development needs within disciplines are not static and currently undergoing significant change – this ultimately needs to feed down into the earliest stages of scholarly socialisation at a higher education level; Links between undergraduate programmes of study, whether vocational or not, and subsequent employability outside of the academy have been thrown in to stark and urgent relief by changes to University funding and the economic environment. It explores the possibility of linking notions of early career researcher attributes to more general employability attributes and what the consequences are in terms of programme design. It illustrates work undertaken at Glasgow University since 2008 to effect change, including student-led institutional research, top down and bottom up initiatives, and inter-professional collaboration between Services and academics. It qualifies where this agenda is now and how we intend to take it further.

Background reading for this keynote:

Graduate Attributes at Glasgow University: <http://www.gla.ac.uk/students/attributes/ourgraduateattributes/> Gunn, V. (2011) Maintaining Research-Mindedness in Scotland's Universities in a Time of Sector-Wide Change. Discussion Paper. Quality Assurance Agency (Scotland), Glasgow, UK.

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