

Towards the Transversity

What does a University for the Future look like?

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CONTEXT	<p><i>Universities</i> are some of the most permanent institutions in society, imbued with long-standing traditions. In the course of historical Great Transformations of society, however, universities also transform, like all other key institutions, and end up morphing into a new default model. The higher education institution that is most widespread today is often referred to as a <i>multiversity</i>. There are many indicators that we are living in the era of another historical transformation. And indeed, first examples of a new model of higher education are appearing that can be called <i>transversities</i> (for they are trans-formative, trans-disciplinary, trans-cultural, etc.).</p>
CONTENT	<p>After clarifying the differences between institutional change, reform and transformation and a fast-forward through the history of universities, a selection of visions, programmatics and examples of the emerging transversity model of higher education are presented.</p> <p>On this basis a joint, co-creative exploration will be undertaken</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">of the basic culture, structures and practices that make up a contemporary higher education institution in general (and possibly of UCLan in particular);of how these features could look in a scenario corresponding to our deepest aspirations in relation to the emerging transversity model, andof some concrete possibilities to move from the current situation towards a University for the Future representing the new transversity model.
PURPOSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Raising awareness for transformations of the default model of higher educationGrasping major dimensions that can be transformed within universitiesStimulating creativity and motivation to contribute to adapting higher education to the affordances of the 21st century
TARGET GROUPS	UCLan staff and students and everybody else interested in the future of higher education
FORMAT	Short presentation – interactive workshop – synthesis
TIME	21 October 2014, 4-6 pm
LOCATION	UCLan, Harrington room 223
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