

## Newsletter – May 2014

### Why do so many organisations collect the same data?

HEDIIP has assembled an inventory of all of the data collections to which some or all HE providers have to respond. With over 500 data collections currently in the inventory, the scale of data collection across the sector has surprised everyone.

Although the HEDIIP inventory provides some information about individual data collections we now need to gain a deeper insight into the rationale for and operation of these collections to identify opportunities for improvements and innovation that will enhance data quality and improve efficiency for both data providers and collecting organisations.

The data collection review project is working with a sample of the student data collectors to identify opportunities and barriers to the standardisation and rationalisation of data collections. This work will report in the summer of 2014.

**Links:**

Inventory of data collections <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/inventory-of-he-data-collections/>

Data collection review project <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/data-collection-review/>

### HEDIIP event – Harmonising the supply and use of data

HEDIIP is delighted to announce that it is running a Westminster Briefing event on 22 July 2014 where leading thinkers from across the information landscape will present ideas and challenges to help our thinking on this journey to a new relationship with data and information. The event will be of interest to strategists and practitioners from all areas of the landscape.

We have negotiated a reduced rate of £150 for a single person booking and £125 for each of two or more people. In order to activate these rates use the codes HEDIIP1 and HEDIIP2 respectively when prompted for a Westminster Briefing Loyalty Code.

**Links:**

Westminster Briefing event <http://tinyurl.com/HEDIIP-220714>

## Benefits definition workshops

The HEDIIP programme office are running a series of workshops in May to analyse and develop benefits around the HEDIIP work programme. We are keen to involve a broad range of stakeholders in these workshops and would welcome any volunteers who could attend an event in Cheltenham on any of the following dates:

- 13 or 14 May
- 20 or 21 May
- 27 or 28 May

These workshops will provide an opportunity for you to find out more about the HEDIIP programme and to contribute to the understanding of the costs and benefits associated with this work.

If you are interested in taking part in these events, or would like further information, please contact [info@hediip.ac.uk](mailto:info@hediip.ac.uk).

## The Unique Learner Number in HE

Building on the previous work done by HEDIIP in this area, HEDIIP is working on the definition of a project to establish a detailed adoption plan for the ULN in HE.

### Links:

ULN project page <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/the-uln/>

## About HEDIIP

The Higher Education Data & Information Improvement Programme has been established to redesign the information landscape in order to arrive at a new system that reduces the burden on data providers and improves the quality, timeliness and accessibility of data and information about HE. The programme is hosted by HESA and is funded by:



The Regulatory Partnership Group are the sponsoring group for HEDIIP and the programme is overseen by a Programme Board and supported by an Advisory Panel.

### Links:

Programme Board <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/hediip-programme-board/>  
Advisory Panel <http://www.hediip.ac.uk/hediip-advisory-panel/>

You can follow [@HEDIIP](https://twitter.com/HEDIIP) on Twitter or contribute to the debate on the [HEDIIP Jiscmail list](#).

You can email the Programme Management Office at [info@hediip.ac.uk](mailto:info@hediip.ac.uk).