Workshop 1 - Leading Academic Networks

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Abstract
Academic networks are a critical platform for collaboration, communication and innovation. While they vary in size, function and membership, successful networks operate from a number of common principles. This workshop offers participants an opportunity to explore the nature of network leadership and to focus on some key strategies that will ensure the network is robust, well-led and highly sustainable. The workshop will draw on the newly published HERDSA Guide: Leading Academic Networks, and will offer some useful diagnostic tools that can help to monitor a network’s success.

Learning Outcomes
Development of an effective communication strategy
- Develop an effective network structure and systems
- Assess the effectiveness of their leadership of a network
- Review the health and viability of the network
- Effectively lead networks through the application of sound principles and strategies
- Develop an effective communication strategy

Proposed Activities
The workshop will be highly interactive, with participants undertaking several diagnostic tests, sharing experiences of network leadership, and exploring and testing good practice principles. They will leave the workshop with ideas to apply and share.

Target Participants
Network leaders, aspirant network leaders (networks can be any size or composition)

Reference