



The relationship between universities and higher education colleges in England

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- Higher education in England since 1992
 - the place of the higher education colleges
- The 2003
 - some implications for higher education colleges
- Universities and Colleges working together
 - the London experience

Higher Education in England since 1992:

- Universities and higher education colleges funded and made accountable through the same national agencies
 - the Higher Education Funding Council for England
 - the Quality Assurance Agency for the United Kingdom
- three broad categories of institution
 - ‘old’ universities (pre 1992)
 - ‘new’ universities (from 1992)
 - higher education colleges (HEI’s)

This is not a hierarchy. HEIs are increasing ‘market share’ of students at the expense of ‘new’ universities. HEIs have better student course completion rates and higher graduate employment rates than ‘new’ universities

Higher Education Colleges in England in 2004

- 42 HE colleges - average size 3,500 students - range from under 500 to over 11,000
- educate 10% of all higher education students in England and within the overall figure
 - 40% of all creative arts graduates
 - 33% of all education graduates
 - 25% of all agriculture graduates
 - 12% of nursing and health profession graduates
- include specialist institutions, notably in the fields of art and design, music and the performing arts, education, and agriculture
- about one-third are church colleges
- nine colleges have gained their own degree awarding powers: others award the degrees of an accrediting university

The Government's White Paper - 'The future of higher education' 2003 and its implications for higher education colleges

- expansion - 50% target - widening participation
- growth through Foundation Degrees in vocational subjects
- institutions playing to strengths and working collaboratively
- 3 key missions for higher education: research; teaching; knowledge transfer
- higher status for teaching
- 'teaching universities' - taught degree awarding powers and 4,000 students - opposition from existing universities

Universities and colleges working together - the London experience

- 41 universities and colleges in London
- London Higher - “promoting and advocating London’s higher education”
- autonomy and collaboration - “Winning Combinations”
- within London
 - Partnerships for Progression
 - regeneration - The Thames Gateway Project
 - the ‘Knowledge Hub’
- new horizons
 - Study London
 - Olympic Games 2012