

A summary from the ResTES discussions:

Time, money and support towards confidently 'going public' were the three main threads running through discussions – both the lack of all three, but also the difficulty of expectations around being allocated the first 2 without being given the 3rd.

It was felt that BALEAP could and should play a large role in the development of cross-institutional scholarship collaboration, and in developing definitions and clearer understanding of what scholarship could look like.

Obstacles to scholarship:

- Non-existence of scholarship in contracts to date;
- Contractual expectations;
- Non-recognition;
- Lack of time;
- Lack of confidence;
- Lack of institutional support;
- Fear of getting it wrong publicly

Overcoming these obstacles requires:

- Strong, motivating, nurturing, encouraging leadership;
- Support in identifying an area of scholarly interest and in making ideas concrete;
- Careful allocation of time – taking into account the possibly opposing need for flexibility of choice as against time = expectations = paperwork, production & pressure;
- Support in gaining and understanding ethics approval processes;
- Support in grant application;
- Set long/ medium & short term goals;
- Mentors – through BALEAP or own institution?

Ideas for collaborative development of scholarship:

- Working across the disciplines/ embedding EAP within a subject;
- Space to talk: reading groups/ Google + communities (see #tleap on Facebook);
- Lesson Study – collaborative lesson planning + observations with a different focus;
- Exploratory Practice – work with your routine to develop scholarship;
- Self-recognition of what we do;

What BALEAP/ ResTES can do to support scholarship?

- Make links with Societies and other bodies; e.g. Royal Literary Fund; SRHE; HEA; SEDA; ALDHE; BAAL;
- Put examples of published scholarship on the BALEAP website as exemplars;
- Publish results of small scale research projects on the website;

- Run a day with the intention of leading to concrete outcomes, or do something similar via an on-line forum to help people find someone to collaborate with – possibly a web conference?
- Establish a mentoring forum for advice;
- Provide advice on places (e.g. journals) that are likely to accept our scholarship. Possibly develop own journal?
- Support diversification beyond EAP, linking with others;
- Provide connections between researchers, practitioners & policy makers