**2020 Visions: Looking back and looking ahead.**

**Friday, 6th November 2020 9-4pm GMT**

**Online and free event**

**Plenary speakers: Olwyn Alexander and Dr Alex Ding**

The new decade has brought with it major shifts in higher education, with many challenges and opportunities. How have EAP practitioners responded to these challenges and opportunities? How have these influenced future plans? In this PIM, we will take stock and look forward, and so the theme is both a reflection and a proactive look forward as we adjust to, work with and create the ‘new normal’.

Through practical sessions, time for coming together to share practice and discuss key topics, the broad theme explores a range of topics and our responses within the field, from the changing student profile, context, impacts on practitioners and students, to communication, expectations, programmes, and teaching approaches. How have we adapted to the changing environment? What has worked, and what has not? What is next and where do we want to go?

**Themes:**

We invite discussion on a range of topics from colleagues in the UK and further afield – a PIM online is a great opportunity to present from all over the world. Possible themes to explore (but are not limited to) are:

* The response to the ‘new normal’ so far, or plans looking ahead
* Tools and techniques – from materials to assessment to pedagogy/approaches and blended learning
* The learning environment – inside and outside the classroom, the impact of a ‘digital first’ approach
* The learner – what does the learner now want and need?
* The practitioner – how has the changing environment impacted on us?

**Session types:**

We would like to run a variety of session types. This PIM will be a virtual event. We anticipate a mixture of ‘live’ and recorded delivery. In cases of recorded delivery, we will offer a live Q&A session on the day with the speaker.

* Workshops\* – (30 minute practical sessions and 10 minute Q&A session)
* Presentations – (15 minute presentations and 10 minute Q&A session)
* Pecha Kucha/lightening talks (up to 10 minutes including Q&A session)

\*Workshop sessions – variety of formats welcomed - a ‘flipped’ experience or World Café format or discussions, for example.

Proposal Submission Deadline: **Tuesday 6th October 2020, 5pm**

Further information and details on signing up to the event follow. Contact: Caroline Challans headintprogs@kent.ac.uk