

The current members of the **HIGHER EDUCATION FM NETWORK** are:

-  *Anglia Ruskin University*
-  *Birkbeck College*
-  *Canterbury Christ Church University*
-  *Durham University*
-  *King's College London*
-  *London South Bank University*
-  *Loughborough University*
-  *Manchester Metropolitan University*
-  *Middlesex University*
-  *Nottingham Trent University*
-  *Sheffield Hallam University*
-  *Swansea University*
-  *University College London*
-  *University of Bradford*
-  *University of Cumbria*
-  *University of East Anglia*
-  *University of Leeds*
-  *University of Leicester*
-  *University of Salford*
-  *University of the Arts London*
-  *University of York*
-  *York St John University*



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## FACILITIES MANAGEMENT RESEARCH AND APPLICATION NETWORK HIGHER EDUCATION



The HE FM Network is essentially a ‘**learning club**’, enabling learning and the **sharing of information** amongst members. Our Network is aimed at those facilities directors and managers who are **pioneers of change**, enabling them to exchange **innovations and experience**, providing a space where they can learn from each other.

- \* The membership of the HE FM Network openly share knowledge and participate in joint workshops and projects to **promote the best practices of Facilities Management** in their organisations.
- \* Whilst activities are co-ordinated and resourced by and through CFMD, one of the benefits of the Network is the opportunity that it gives the members to **network amongst themselves and with experts outside the sector** and set the annual programme and its content in **discussion with like-minded colleagues**.
- \* The annual programme of activities includes **4 workshops**, a **conference** and a **research project**. The topics for these workshops are set in collaboration with the Network members.
- \* Although the workshops are normally open to **members only**, visits can be arranged for enquirers and visitors from the HE sector, subject to availability.
- \* The main decision-making body with respect to all aspects of the Network’s activities is the **Network Steering Group** made up of CFMD key personnel and senior representatives from member organisations.
- \* Being entirely **self-funded**, the Network is **independent** of funding bodies’ or commercial sponsors’ interests in all its activities.

## Current workshop programme:

### ☞ **Space: Going Further...**

*May include: Going further with workplace strategies ♦ Implications of HEFCE carbon/space targets on future funding and space management practice ♦ Improving space management ♦ Working from home: practice and principles ♦ How to 'capture the moment' – opportunities used or lost?*

24 June 2010 [Middlesex University, tbc]

### ☞ **Annual FM Networks Conference: Embracing Change in Times of Uncertainty**

9 September 2010, Sheffield Business School, SHU

### ☞ **Estates: Sweating the Asset**

*May include: Waste management – alternative strategies ♦ Innovative ways of reducing carbon ♦ Carbon reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme: Approaches to obtaining & implementing carbon reduction management plans ♦ Behavioural change programmes on reducing energy. ♦ Sustainable development – new technologies and building design ♦ Energy after gas (ie what happens when gas runs out) ♦ Managing student & staff expectations – benchmarking exercise for good/best practice? ♦ Managing assets ♦ Making greater corporate impact – how to make your involvement more relevant and focal?*

3 November 2010, Manchester Metropolitan University

### ☞ **People, Performance and Change**

*May include: Times Higher Education rankings for student experience: is the THE methodology valid? ♦ What are HEIs doing from the facilities management perspective to improve the student experience? ♦ Merging FM services for efficiency & effectiveness: experiences & outcomes from HEIs ♦ Restructuring/HR ♦ Body language and how to use it ♦ Developing Service Levels ♦ Personal/professional confidence 'bank account' – how large is yours? (ie how 'safe' a pair of hands are you?) ♦ How to 'capture the moment' – opportunities used or lost?*

3 February 2011, University of the Arts London

### ☞ **Legal and Financial Issues in FM & Review of Year 15**

*May include: Outsourcing and pensions ♦ Changes to contracts ♦ Getting better value for money from contracts ♦ Legal compliance ♦ Managing staff reductions ♦ Landlord & tenant issues*

7 April 2011 [venue tbc]

*The FM Networks Conference includes the HE, Local Government and Health Networks and is open to members as well as non-members.*

*Some workshops are either lunchtime-to-lunchtime or include an afternoon/evening event and an overnight stay – please enquire.*

## Current participative action research project in the **HIGHER EDUCATION FM NETWORK:**

### ☞ **Staff Perceptions of Work Environments**

This is a survey (online) with the aim of gaining more information about office users' perceptions and requirements, in order to provide an evidence base for further discussion and for comparisons.

## Previous participative action research projects in the **HIGHER EDUCATION FM NETWORK:**

☞ *Benchmarking Space Outputs (such as teaching income and research income)*

☞ *Where to Study...: Understanding the Importance of the Physical Environment to Students in Making Location Decisions (continued: in-depth analysis) ('The Student Choices Project')*

☞ *Staff Motivation in Service Departments*

☞ *Exploring Institutions' Use of the HE Estates Management Statistics*

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