

Tomorrow's Sustainable Universities Conference
15 – 16 July 2010

Workshop 4: 'Institutional Research: Lessons in Sustainability'

Facilitator:

Dr Lou Comerford Boyes
(Longitudinal Researcher, Ecovercity)

This workshop will explore the learning curves involved in running a 3 year Longitudinal Research programme around a change project.

The main themes are:

- (a) involving students as active researchers in their own right, the benefits, resource implications and the questions that it raises
- (b) working creatively and expediently within context riddled with 'research overkill': enhance and enrich existing data mechanisms
- (c) the role of reflection as systemic and the use of timely feedback loops - the formative aspects and how to influence delivery and programming
- (d) institutional learning in relation to the organisation actively researching itself in a sustainable way

The following sub themes will run throughout:

'what is the research for?

who undertakes it?

and for whom?'