

2016 HELTASA Foundation SIG Report



SIG Convenorship

For 2016 and 2017 the SIG is being convened by the Cape Peninsula University of Technology by Dylan Cromhout, a lecturer in the Extended Programme, and Lynn Coleman, an Academic Developer in the ECP Unit in Fundani.



Foundation SIG Strategic Focus



The main focus for the SIG over the 2016-2017 period is to stimulate and promote a culture of practice sharing amongst institutional partners. Such practice sharing initiatives have operated at individual institutions (department, faculty and institution wide platforms), but also at regional and national levels. The idea has been to encourage ECP units and staff at different institutions to create practice sharing platforms at their institutions and also between their regional partners.

For more information about the 2016-2017 SIG Strategy please visit foundationsig.wordpress.com and click on SIG STRATEGY in the top menu.

Representation at Symposia and Colloquia



Foundation Provisioning Colloquium

2016 Annual Foundation Provisioning Colloquium in the South African Higher Education Institutions

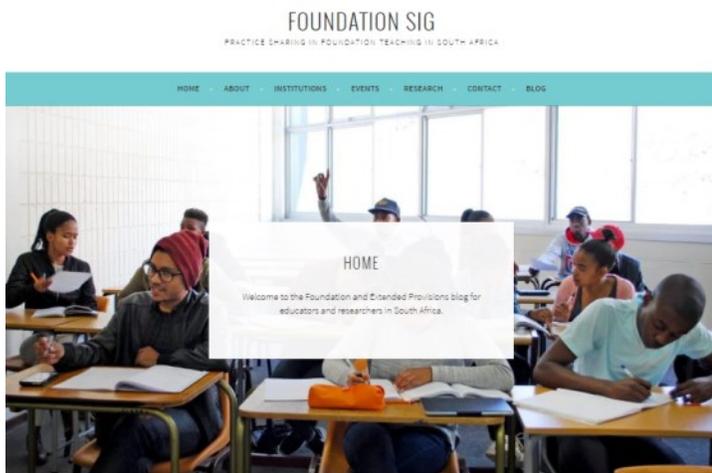
30-31 August 2016 | Bloemfontein, Free State, South Africa

Colloquium Theme

"Foundation Provisioning within the South African Higher Education Institutions: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – Evolving towards Academic Sustainability"

In 2016 the Foundation SIG was represented at both the Inter-institutional **ECP Symposium in Cape Town** and the **Foundation Provisioning Colloquium in Bloemfontein**. Some of the presentations from the CPUT Symposium were shared as screencasts on the SIG website. Dylan Cromhout shared the 2016/2017 strategic plan of the Foundation SIG the Bloemfontein Colloquium.

Online Platforms



The Foundation SIG established a number of online platforms in order to facilitate national practice sharing, communication, and engagement:

- Website/ Blog
 - Youtube Channel
 - Facebook Group
 - Shared Google Drive Folder
- go to foundationsig.wordpress.com

Practice Sharing Circles



In 2016 the Foundation SIG introduced a new way for ECP practitioners to connect and engage in some authentic discussions about their teaching and learning practice.



What are Practice Sharing Circles?

“Aims to be a less formal space that encourages deep and authentic conversation between academic practitioners about their academic practice....”

Benefits of Practice Sharing Circles include:

- *Informality*
- *Dialogic in nature, encouraging both dialogue and listening*
- *Presenter and participants engage as equals*

Plans for 2017

- National Conferences in Durban and Cape Town (hosted by DUT and CPU)
- Expanding the digital and online platform space