



OneHE global network launched to support needs of educators worldwide

- **A member-led organisation for individual educators to drive the impact and effectiveness of learning and teaching in HE**
- **A platform to support educators to connect, collaborate and innovate, capitalising on the ‘wisdom of the crowd’**
- **A grant-giving body that awards innovation funding to members, with members selecting projects for grants through public vote**

20 September 2018: Today marks the launch of OneHE, a new global network that brings together educators with a shared passion for learning and teaching to drive impact and innovation in higher education. A membership platform available worldwide, OneHE enables educators to connect, collaborate and innovate in a safe space that is member-led.

Dr Mark Jones, Founder and Managing Director expanded: “Higher education faces many pressures that are having a profound impact on the work of educators today – massification, globalisation, digital technology and increasing competition are challenging what we do. As educators, we must change how we work to respond to the needs of students today and into the future.”

OneHE aims to drive the impact and effectiveness of learning and teaching by engaging all those who support student learning (academics, librarians, technicians, etc.) to address common challenges. “We aim to bring educators together to share their vision and ideas, to inspire each other and solve common challenges building on our collective wisdom, experience and passion.”

“As an online network, we will provide a safe space where educators can connect with new colleagues worldwide, collaborate across discipline, institution and borders and build scholarly communities that drive practice and enable individuals to showcase their expertise in a global directory.”

OneHE launches today with an offer to provide existing networks of educators with free space on the platform to support deeper engagement with their communities. Networks can create discussion groups, manage events, run forums and share resources within their own branded area that their members can access for free.

Later this year, OneHE opens the platform to all educators, with features such as a global directory, communities of practice, collaborative projects and innovation funding. Educators can join at one of three membership tiers, starting at £3 per month for those in the UK, and half that for those in low and medium income countries.

Olivia Fleming, Founder and Director of Partnerships, said “The low membership fee ensures that OneHE is accessible to all and allows us to keep OneHE free from advertising. In this way, we can continue to develop the network to meet the needs of members and generate funding to reinvest in member-led projects.”

Innovation funding for learning and teaching will be offered through the OneHE Foundation, an initiative that invites members to contribute project ideas that are then reviewed and voted on by the rest of the community. Through the Foundation, OneHE aims to drive innovation by building on the wisdom of the crowd, generating new ideas and practical approaches from the grass roots.

Individuals can find out more about OneHE and register for more information at www.onehe.org.

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Editorial notes:

1. OneHE was formed in 2018 by Dr Mark Jones, Olivia Fleming and Simon Jones, former directors of the Higher Education Academy.
2. OneHE will be the first global network for educators in higher education with a shared passion for learning and teaching.
3. It aims to bring together educators to share ideas, solve common challenges and inspire each other to improve the impact and effectiveness of higher education, building on shared wisdom, experience and passion.
4. OneHE provides a safe space for educators to meet existing and new colleagues, collaborate across disciplines, build communities, promote and develop their practice, gain recognition and apply for funding.
5. OneHE is a member-led community. It charges a low monthly membership fees starting at £3 (inclusive of VAT) which is halved for low and median incomes countries.
6. Membership income allows for the community to continue to develop, keep the network space free of commercial messages and, importantly, generate funding for member-led innovation to be issued through the OneHE Foundation.
7. Through the OneHE Foundation, OneHE will award grants to member-selected projects every four months.