

RH100 Panel 1 Report

Date: Tuesday 28 January
Panellist Attendance – 80.00%

Departments in Attendance – Campus Engagement, Students' Union, Active Lifestyle &

Sport, Careers & Employability

Discussion Topic 1 – Careers & Employability

The RH100 panel discussed how Royal Holloway's Careers service could be improved based on research and group work centred on other institution's existing features.

- Panellists highlighted a number of features that should be included in the revised Careers service:
 - More CV and application advice appointments, including department/School specific advice, and the implementation of online/telephone appointments
 - o An online jobs fair and alumni blogs/videos throughout the year
 - o Access to temporary work in the area, greater support for entrepreneurs seeking to start their own businesses and funding to support students seeking placements
 - Specific advice for skills development and support for practice interviews, assessment centres and online psychometric testing
- Panellists suggested several new names, such as 'Career Studio' and 'Hired at Holloway', yet a number of groups preferred the name 'Careers & Employability', with all shortening to 'Careers' in their presentations
- The primary methods of promoting this revised service included via email (departmental), Moodle, digital signage, physical advertising and a talk included on students' timetables

Discussion Topic 2 – Active Campus

The RH100 panel discussed sports facility allocation, ways to grow physical activity participation on campus, and several potential future fitness membership options.

- There was strong support for the goal of 75% participation in physical activity due to the health benefits, the positive impact on studying and in order to tackle inequality of access
- Increasing the number of flexible entry-level options and improving perceptions of value are hugely important to making the benefits of physical activity more accessible to students
- **100%** of the discussion groups called for an increase in the peak hours allocated for 'Student Participation' activities
- 80% thought a strategic increase in community hire should generate the income they felt needed to be reinvested into RH student fitness services / to improve value for students
- 73% believed it was important to work towards providing facilities on campus for the student sports clubs who currently train off-campus (28 hours of peak-time use)
- 46% of panellists didn't take part in any sport or fitness activity on campus. Though there was a consensus that the current physical activity offer didn't cater for enough students, the panel indicated they would like more opportunities to try new sports related activities

Panellists completed a number of questions on Mentimeter to conclude the session, with results displayed in Appendix 1.



Appendix 1



