

Meeting Notes from Tautoko Network Meeting

March 2019

INTERNSHIPS: Partnering with the College of Arts Professional and Community Engagement course

A great hour spent this week with Stephen Hardman, University of Canterbury, when he talked to us about the Professional and Community Engagement (PACE) programme. PACE, a flexible internship paper originally started as an Arts Programme but now crosses over to other disciplines. Its goal is for students to work jointly with businesses and community organisations to provide productive and strategic outcomes on real world programmes.

Support from the University side of the programme is around arranging the 'match' of student with project/organisation, supporting (e.g. training in interview skills), organising police checks where necessary, preparation and monitoring of student for academic assessment of the project, preparation of contracts (which include things such as responsibilities around health and safety) between organisation and student. Throughout the process, the University is the 'middle person-responsible for feedback to/from student and organisation.

Support from the community organisation is the expectation that a person will be appointed as the 'report to' contact for the student (the learning outcomes are set by the University), constructive feedback is provided, and communication throughout the process continues with the internship manager.

The expected contact time for a 200 Level student in this programme with the organisation is 75 hours; at the 300 Level, that increases to 150 hours. The actual 'placement' time has a 20% of grade attached to it, the remaining 80% spread over personal development and academic achievement.

The long-term objective is that the students will take their experience back to community organisations in their own communities (which could be outside of NZ).

PACE intern placements are generally for a Semester: semester 1 runs Feb-June; semester 2 runs July-November.

For more information, check out the PACE Local Hosts booklet (those of you at the meeting received a hard copy of this): https://gallery.mailchimp.com/00fb0626dc8c50f482aa8898c/files/e7d11fbeb96-48fd-a50a-1455896f0513/PACE_Local_Hosts_Document_2018_.pdf

Does the project my organisation have in mind fit the PACE criteria? There's only one way to find out! Chat direct with Stephen at stephen.hardman@canterbury.ac.nz