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The DHI held a University engagement event at the University of West of Scotland on the 2nd Nov 2015. The event was hosted by the Business Development centre at the UWS. The event attracted 18 members of staff from Engineering & Computing, Health, Nursing & Midwifery, Media, Culture & Society and Science & Sport. Brian Cross, the Business Development Director hosted our event. Toni Dedeu, Kara Mackenzie and Sanna Rimpiläinen from the DHI were present. Toni gave a presentation introducing the DHI, the Scottish policy context within which the DHI has emerged in, how the DHI operates, presenting opportunities for engagement with the work of the DHI. There were three existing DHI project participants from the UWS present in the audience, who described their (very positive) experiences of engaging with the DHI. The ensuing discussion was lively and there were many expressions of interest, which is going to be followed up on to make these materialise as actual project proposals.

One of the comments repeated during the event was the different method of engagement by the DHI in comparison to the other Innovation centres. This manifests in getting a much higher number of project applications through the door, as the aim of the DHI is to collect the ideas and then help shape the projects, rather than expecting fully formed project ideas, like the other centres seem to do.

After the event the DHI team had an ad hoc meeting with one of the academics at the UWS, who wanted to show a piece of his research and to gain ideas of how best to engage with the DHI. Based on our advice, he will consider putting in a project application once he has decided the best applicable use for his innovative research into virtual visualisation.

List of participants

1. Business Development Manager
2. Professor in Applied Physiology, Director of the Research Institute for Clinical Exercise and Health Science
3. Chair in Public Health
4. Head of Enterprise Services
5. Business Development Officer
6. Research Fellow in the Institute of Healthcare Policy and Practice
7. Lecturer in Visual Communication School of Computing,
8. Lecturer in School of Engineering and Computing

9. SCET technical director
10. Lecturer School of engineering and computing
11. Lecturer in Image processing
12. Lecturer in School of Health care, Nursing and Midwifery
13. Lecturer in Adult Health
14. Lecturer in Web Technology
15. Lecturer Physical Science
16. Lecturer Department of Computer Science
17. Business development director