goDesign

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Project title: goDesign Travelling Design Workshop Program for Regional Secondary Students

FOR Code/s: 1203 Design Practice and Management

Abstract: This research builds on initial research funded by a 2009 QUT Engagement Innovation Grant, which examined the benefits for rural and regional communities linking with tertiary institutions and design practitioners, to participate in design-based learning activities. During the program, students and teachers were given the opportunity to explore, analyse and re-imagine their local town through a series of scaffolded problem solving activities around the theme of ‘place’. Underpinning the program is Dr Charles Burnette’s (1993) IDESIGN teaching model and a place-based approach that ‘draws upon local cultural, environmental, economic and political concerns’ (Smith, G.A. 2007, p18).


Time frame: September 2009 - ongoing

Partners: Design Institute of Australia (DIA), Queensland Branch

Funding: QUT Engagement innovation Grant 2009; Widening Tertiary Participation Project funding for goDesign Express Program; potential government funding

Activity: The workshop program is a three-day supportive and interactive workshop experience simulating a design studio environment for secondary school students from selected regional Queensland High Schools. Each workshop is facilitated by 2 School of Design lecturers across the disciplines. In 2011, a one day workshop program was run by School of Design students as a goDesign Express Program, funded by the Widening Tertiary Participation Project at Morayfield State High School and Nerangba Valley State High School. Analysis of data collected will inform future development and implementation.

Project program: Currently investigating funding models with Arts Qld and possible external partners;
Currently reviewing video data collected from Feb – September 2010 to commence publishing in 2012;
Idea of ARC Linkage Grant research around viability of design immersion programs in Secondary School education has been pitched to Queensland Design Council;
Currently assessing viability of goDesign program for short course in schools applicability

Research group alignment: Design for Health and Social Inclusion

ERA outcomes: (Creative works)
- goDesign Travelling Design Workshop Program for Regional Secondary Students
- unleashed: Roadshow Finale 2010 Exhibition; Living City 2010 Workshop; Generation Workshop 2010; Learning by Design Workshop 2010

Potential researcher engagement: Teachers and education researchers