



DigiEduHack Solution

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DigiEduNet - Digital Education Network for Higher Education

Save-the-Date: DigiEduNet will start February 2nd, 2021

Finally, there will be a cross-university network of the third space sector at universities and colleges for the exchange of knowledge & professionalization, in order to be able to support teachers and students in digital teaching & learning in the best possible way.

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Solution Details

Solution description

During the transition to digital teaching and learning formats in the summer semester 2020, these employees have shown great commitment, dedication and flexibility. Nevertheless, many universities have worked parallel on the production of similar handouts, video tutorials and other materials - possible synergies remained unused. Quite a few employees reached their workload limits. To prevent this from happening again, the **DigiEduNet in Higher Education** uses existing synergies and enables universities to set priorities while at the same time increasing the quality of support. The major aim of the digital network is to promote and make visible the flow of information and collaboration between employees in Third Space across universities through low-threshold, digital exchange formats.

Solution context

Building communities together

The advantage of the **DigiEduNet**? Instead of reinventing the wheel, it builds on existing structures & networks. HFDnet, for example, already has more than 1,500 experts in the field of digitization at universities, many of whom work in service & support institutions.

Nevertheless, further development of the structures is necessary to ensure that knowledge transfer is optimal, strategic support is provided for universities and higher education policy, and personal qualification of staff can take place without complications. This is being realized by an additional online platform which bundles explicit offers and requests from all participating colleagues.

At the same time, community events (such as BarCamps, Hackathons, Microlearning units etc.) enable mutual support and collaborative work within the network as well as the creation of innovative solutions for current issues.

In the **first online barcamp taking place February 02nd, 2021** the online platform will be created collaboratively. Furthermore first central questions in the support of digital teaching and learning will be identified and solutions will be developed together.

Kickstart for the support of digital teaching formats

Not only do universities and colleges find out more quickly who is working on similar solutions, they can also join forces in agile co-operations and save themselves from unknowingly working twice or side by side. Employees in service & support institutions may also find solutions that have already been developed and that can be simply adapted to the specific needs of their university.

How does it work in practice? One person posts a current question or idea, others can contribute

and contribute their expertise. The result is made available by the network to all for use, further processing, etc.

Join the DigiEduNet with your questions and create solutions together

Solution target group

Whether colleagues work in the field of Higher Education in Teaching and Learning, IT-Services, e-learning service facilities, media departments, libraries or international offices - they are all united by the desire to provide the best possible support for teachers and students.

Solution impact

By 2025 the network will be

- a platform for staff in service and support facilities for knowledge transfer
- it will provide strategic consulting for development of organizational structures in Universities
- It supports university policies
- it enables the personal further qualification

The network works successfully if it has an active community that offers and uses services. By 2025 there should be 1000 people in the network.

Solution tweet text

#collaboration #network #strategy #digiedunet

Solution innovativeness

There are many networks for digitization in higher education, e.g. HFDnet, dghd, gmw, Länderinitiativen. However, none of these networks is focused on the needs of employees in service and support institutions. This gap should now be closed.

Solution transferability

Our network should be an international one, so that all persons who work in the field of virtual exchanges can find exchange and networking.

Solution sustainability

On 2nd February 2021 we would like to host the Kick-Off BarCamp. This is also where the beta version of the online platform will be developed with the community. Please also note the roadmap.

Solution team work

Our teamwork was a great experience. We worked effectively, laughed a lot and had fun. We spent two days working on our idea. We used Zoom and Miro, Canva and Twitter. Thank you #semesterhack for this opportunity.