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Re-Imagining Widening Participation

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What is Widening Participation?

Widening Participation (WP) is a term associated with patterns of under-representation in higher education
(Rissman, Carrington & Bland, 2013)



Problematizing Widening Participation



**Social Justice
/ Social
Inclusion**



**Economic
Rationalism**



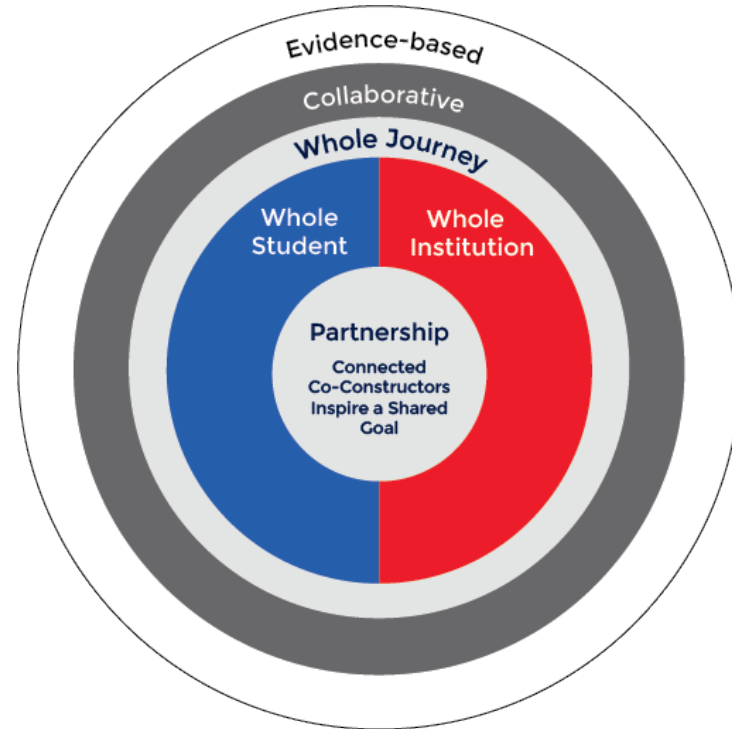
What does this mean for universities?



What does this mean for staff?



UOW Widening Participation Practice



Staff & Student Panel

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What can staff at UOW do?

1. Know and respect your students
2. Offer students flexibility, variety and choice
3. Make expectations clear and use accessible language
4. Scaffold your students' learning
5. Be available to guide students' learning
6. Be a reflective practitioner
7. Become a mentor, tutor or contact the Outreach team to run an activity for local school students



What is next?

What have you learnt today?

What action will you take....

- Today
- Next Week
- Next Month
- Next Year



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Thank you – Any Questions?



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