

Working Together as Partners

Principles and Frameworks for Effective Partnership

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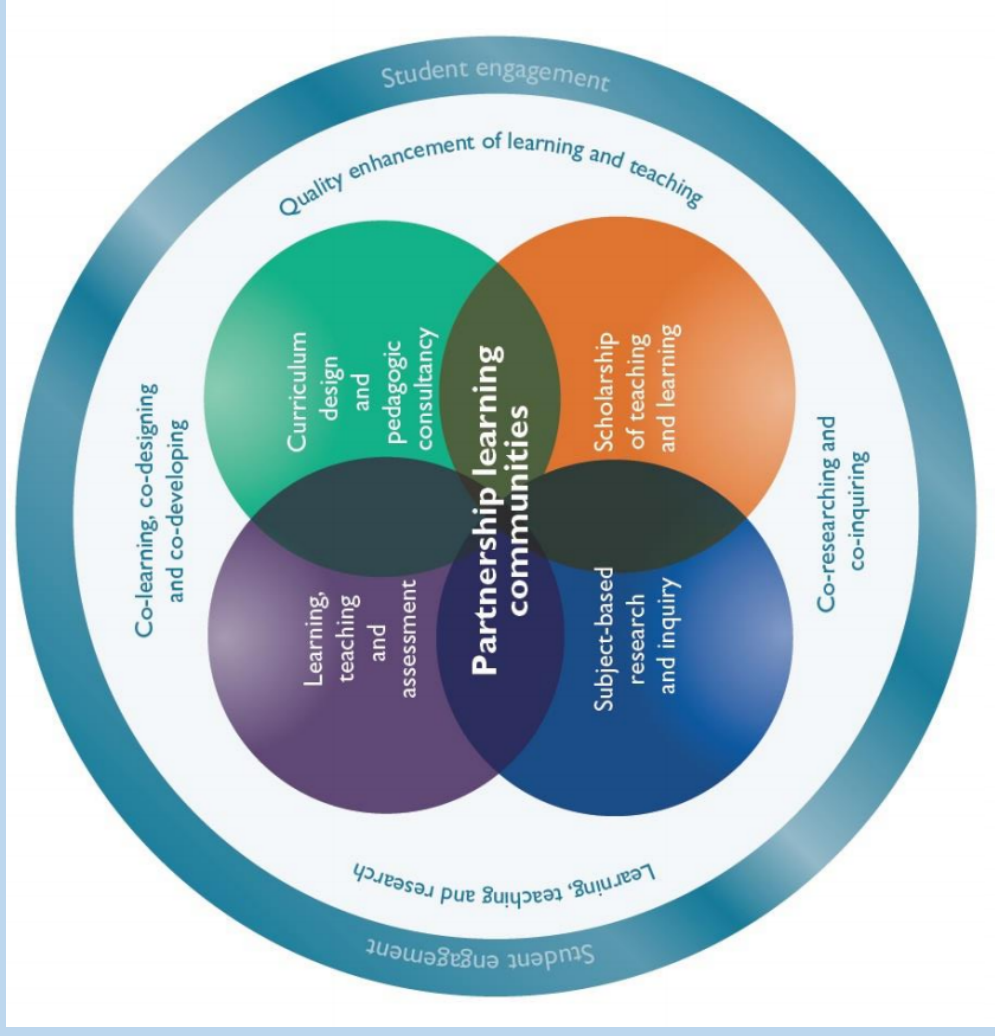
Introduction

- **Who are we?**
- **Goals for this session:**
 - Introduce guiding principles for student partnership
 - Utilize frameworks to clarify partnership goals
 - Project-specific reflection

Partnership Frameworks (1)

Students as Partners in learning and teaching in higher education – an overview model

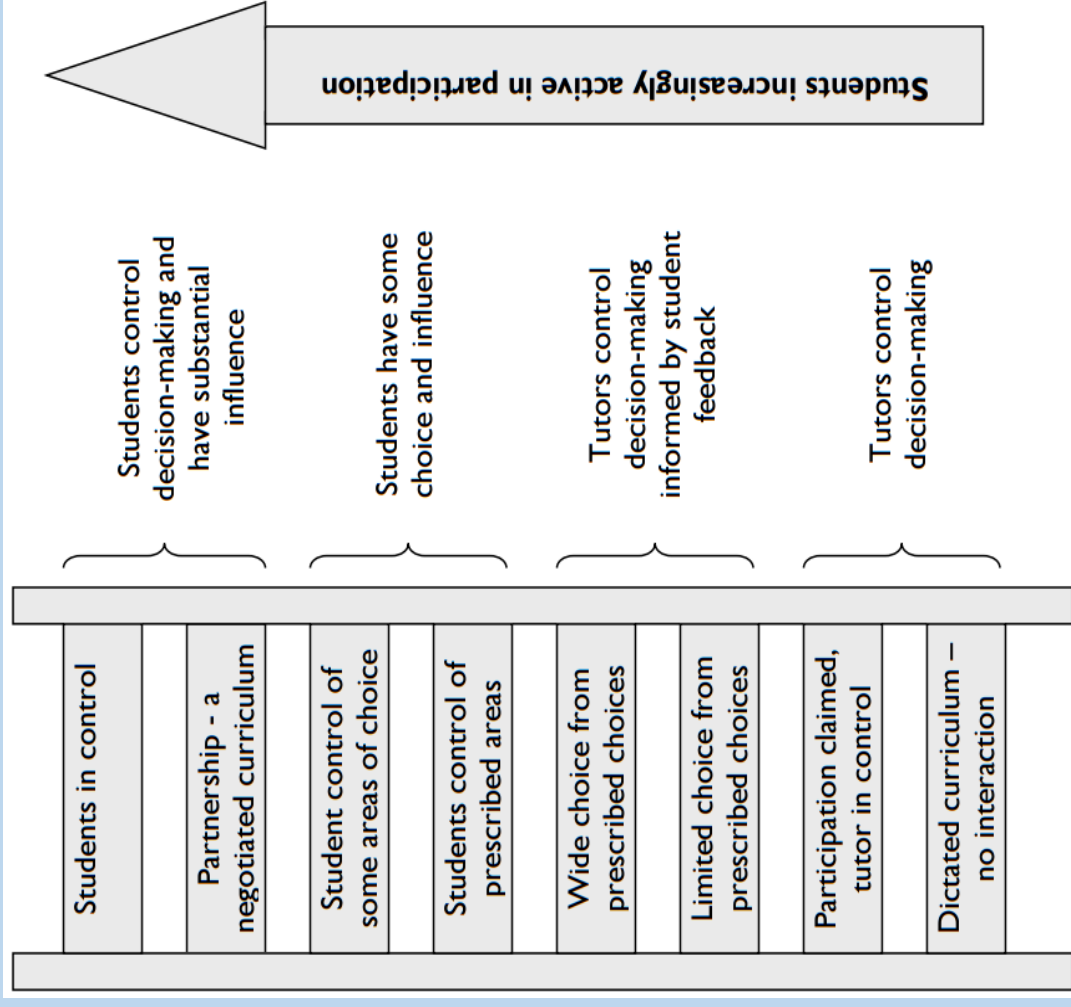
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Partnership Frameworks (2)

Ladder of Student Participation in Curriculum Design

Bovill & Bulley 2011 (adapted from Arnstein 1969).
 From “A model of active student participation in curriculum design: exploring desirability and possibility”, In *Improving Student Learning* (18)
Global theories and local practices: Institutional, disciplinary and cultural variations



Discussion

- Based on the frameworks presented, how would you categorize the type of partnership you are trying to achieve with your project? How will the partnership evolve?

Principles of Partnership

Authenticity: All parties have a meaningful rationale for investing in partnership, and are honest about what they can contribute and the parameters of partnership

Inclusivity: Partnership embraces the different talents, perspectives and experiences that all parties bring, and there are no barriers (structural or cultural) that prevent potential partners getting involved

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Principles of Partnership (Cont'd)

Reciprocity: All parties have an interest in, and stand to benefit from, working and/or learning in partnership

Empowerment: Power is distributed appropriately and all parties are encouraged to constructively challenge ways of working and learning that may reinforce existing inequalities

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Principles of Partnership (Cont'd)

Trust: All parties take time to get to know each other, engage in open and honest dialogue and are confident they will be treated with respect and fairness

Challenge: All parties are encouraged to constructively critique and challenge practices, structures and approaches that undermine partnership, and are enabled to take risks to develop new ways of working and learning

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Principles of Partnership (Cont'd)

Community: All parties feel a sense of belonging and are valued fully for the unique contribution they make

Responsibility: All parties share collective responsibility for the aims of the partnership, and individual responsibility for the contribution they make

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Discussion

- Which principles of partnership will be the most relevant to your project? Which will be the most difficult to achieve?

Authenticity
Inclusivity
Reciprocity
Empowerment

Trust
Challenge
Community
Responsibility

Case Study

SPG University