

Evaluation from John O'Neill a lecturer at Stevenson College Edinburgh

The Heroes project has given me great personal enjoyment and professional satisfaction.

In each of the three project years I have worked with a new group of Biology students (My Heroes). It was trial and error with the first group when we focused, with some success, on the early pioneering work of Charles Darwin, However, more success was gained in the second year when, with a new group of students, the biology curriculum was opened up by allowing each student to choose their own hero and to present their findings to their classmates. This policy was again followed in the third year during which the final group of students benefited greatly from enhanced input from IT staff and by particularly focused input from communication staff to promote the development of presentation and report writing skills.

Feedback from student evaluation has been very positive and the progressive enhancement of the learning experience is evidenced by the work posted by the science students on the Heroes web site.

The European dimension has played a very important role in providing the focus of interest and the finance to initiate the project. In addition, the enthusiastic work of the staff and students of our transnational partnership has driven the project forward to achieve recognised success at international level.

A legacy of the project is the intention of the science department to adopt the Heroes delivery model to enhance the science curriculum for future students at Stevenson College Edinburgh.

I bid a fond farewell and many thanks to my European colleagues and I extend an invitation to work with me again in a future partnership.

Regards

John O'Neill