

CHUDE Annual Report, 2011-2012

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In the past year, CHUDE has undertaken a number of activities. In addition to two main meetings UCL in November 2011; Cambridge, April 2012 and to Steering Committee meetings, a general description of activities includes:

- REF 2014. We have liaised with the Economics and Econometrics sub-panel in order to ensure a flow of factual information to units that may submit to the E&E sub-panel. These activities have included inviting the sub-panel chair to attend both CHUDE meetings in the year, both to address the meetings and take questions. At the meeting in Cambridge (RES Conference, 2012), questions were invited in advance from members and, following a Q&A session with the sub-panel chair, a set of FAQs was circulated to members. In addition, officers of CHUDE have attended REF events at the British Academy (in order to elicit further information for dissemination to CHUDE), and CHUDE was approached by HEFCE to nominate an additional sub-panel member (representing Economic History).
- Teaching Economics
 - Economics Network. CHUDE has continued to support the Economics Network in its intended transition to a new funding model after the withdrawal HEA funding (to all subject groups). As well as offering advice and support, and helping to negotiate the RES's contribution of £40k to the EN, CHUDE raised an excellent sum of money via voluntary donations from member departments to help fund the new EN (based at Bristol) in 2012-2013. The Chair of CHUDE is one of two RES Exec members who sit on the new EN Management Board.
 - Several members of the CHUDE Steering Committee represented CHUDE at the Bank of England sponsored conference on "Crisis in Economics" (organized by Diane Coyle), and the Chair of CHUDE now sits on the Advisory Committee established to develop ideas from the conference.
 - CHUDE responded to the Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education consultation on improving post-16 year old education for non-A-level mathematicians.
- ESRC. CHUDE continued to monitor the operation of the ESRCs DTCs and demand management policies.
- Liaison with GSR. CHUDE continued to liaise with the GSR, both through agenda items at meetings (and invitations to Andy Ross from the GES to attend/speak) and the Chair being a member of the GSR External Liaison Group.

Looking forward, CHUDE will continue to facilitate the flow of factual information between the REF sub-panel and members, and will debate how members might contribute towards a more sustainable funding model for the

EN. We shall also continue to respond to consultations (such as the one on Open Access publishing that is soon to appear). We shall also wish to consider the effects of tuition fees on Economics UG numbers (something that can now begin now the 2012-13 application figures are now available).

On a personal level the Secretary (Tim Worrall) and Chair are due to stand down at the end of December 2012 and new officers are currently being sought. I would like to record my thanks to Tim for all his hard work and support; and, indeed, to thank all the members of the Steering Committee who have supported Tim and I over the last six years.

Neil Rickman, Chair CHUDE