

# New2GCU Event 2009



# History

- ▣ Central services induction - Gaps to LS
- ▣ Evaluation
- ▣ New2GCU already a concept in use
- ▣ Consultation process to renew
- ▣ Associate programme
- ▣ Moving Forward involvement
- ▣ Working groups - Cops

# Feedback from central induction

- ▣ “have a variety of different old 1<sup>st</sup> year students to talk about how they coped.”
- ▣ ...we need to be forced to group work before we have to ourselves..
- ▣ “(need help)..to help newcomers know how they can be social...”

# Feedback contd

- ▣ Only 20% of respondents had attended the support induction in 2008, 46% in 2007
- ▣ Of those only 55% rated it either very useful or useful.
- ▣ Over 80% of students questioned asked other students for help during induction weeks.

# Evolution

- Lecture format
- Location inaccessible
- 30 minute presentation
- Focus on staff
- No interaction
- Very little socialisation
- Less than 50% attended although no real figs.
- Feedback neutral
- Group format
- Location accessible
- 10 minute presentation  
90 minute discussion
- Focus on students
- Interactive
- Objective socialisation
- Figures collated by school
- Feedback?

# Innovation

- ▣ Early bird & mop up sessions
- ▣ Opportunity to book in
- ▣ Evening and weekends
- ▣ Student facilitators
- ▣ Seminar format rather than lecture
- ▣ Student led discussion

# Objective and aims

Objective =

increase student  
socialisation  
and networking  
opportunities at  
the start of term

Aims =

Discuss :

student roles,  
responsibilities  
and expectations  
& being an  
independent  
learner

# New2GCU in action







# What students have said about New2GCU...

- ▣ “Very relaxed and friendly environment...extremely helpful”
- ▣ “Enjoyed the introduction to GCU..will be a great help when I start in September.”
- ▣ “It was good having a student leading the event as they can remember what it’s like starting uni..”
- ▣ “ I found the event a great help as I had been daunted about the prospect of going from college to university.”

# Developments for next year

## LEARNING

- ▣ Need to engage more students earlier
- ▣ Need Increased engagement with schools
- ▣ Difficulties with student engagement in mop up weeks

## POSSIBLE SOLUTION

- ▣ Join up with other induction activities possibly registration
- ▣ Identify all programme organisers earlier
- ▣ Increased engagement with schools/ booking – more event during week 0