Dear all,

The next meeting of the FutureLearn Academic Network (FLAN) will take place at the National STEM Learning Centre, based on the University of York campus, on Monday 18 November, from 10am to 4pm.

The theme of the meeting will be ‘MOOCs for professional and personal development’, and will include presentations and group discussion how learning is sustained using FutureLearn and online courses throughout learners’ lives. We would be very interested in research and experiences of courses which address the challenges of diverse learners, how learning takes place when participants have a broad range of prior knowledge and experience, and addressing personalised learning outcomes.

We invite researchers, PhD students, course developers and practitioners to submit proposals for presentations. Presentations can be in any format: presentation, case study, report from research, demo, discussion or workshop. For those who are unable to attend in person, consider a Skype or video presentation. Each normally lasts around 20 minutes but please do make creative suggestions and encourage your colleagues to offer a contribution.

Please send a brief abstract (100 words) to Matt Cornock m.cornock@stem.org.uk by Friday 25 October 2019 so we can circulate an agenda for the day.

If you have not been involved in FLAN before, the organisation was established in 2013 in order to connect staff and students, based at FutureLearn partner institutions, share research and explore shared research opportunities. These include joint research bids and publications, comparative studies using shared FutureLearn data, course designs, and methods to analyse and evaluate courses.

Attendance at FLAN events is free for those from FutureLearn partner institutions and lunch and refreshments are provided, courtesy of FutureLearn. It is an opportunity to catch up with research into FutureLearn and MOOCs, and to talk informally with colleagues from other FutureLearn partner organisations.

If you would like to attend, either in person or remotely, please register your place here or email flan@futurelearn.com.

The event will be live streamed and a recording posted on the FutureLearn Partner Site together with any slides/papers etc. for those who cannot make it.

We look forward to welcoming you all in York.