



Association of University Language
Centres in the UK and Ireland

Structures, Organisation and Strategies Special Interest Group

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The meeting drew in a wide range of institutions which all had the same issues in common: managing quality with diminishing resources.

We talked about questionnaires, and decided that there had been at least two, which covered already relevant areas reducing the need of producing a third. Since this meeting the University of Lancashire and Cambridge University have issued two more via AULC: about IWLP's and language centre structures, and monitoring dropout rates respectively.

The question of managing and encouraging hourly paid staff was raised and discussed. Ways of doing this varied: LSE has created Coordinating Visiting Teacher posts, where teachers are paid extra for administrative duties; King's College does similar packages and the University of Surrey now only deals in fractional posts.

There was still a desire to create some sort of register of Language Centres: rather similar to the profiles, which had appeared in previous Cercles journals. NB will bring ideas on format to the Belfast meeting.

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