

A blueprint for UK SSME Education Process Document

Purpose

This document sets out a process for arriving at a blueprint for UK SSME Education. The process will be based on wide consultation of the key stakeholders within the UK and will be based on the framework set out below.

Framework

The framework will include statements about SSME education that will provide sufficient context, rationale, required outcomes for educators to use as a basis for designing their own SSME programme. The framework¹ comprises 7 themes as follows:

1. Rationale: What is the reasoning for the development of SSME education programmes?
2. Target Market: At which level(s) within the National Qualifications Framework (see below) will SSME programmes be offered?
3. Resources: What types of resources are available to SSME educators?
4. Existing Programmes: What types of taught SSME education programmes are currently offered?
5. Programme Content: What core modules should be included in SSME programmes?
6. Programme Delivery: What types of teaching methods should be employed to deliver SSME education?
7. Programme Outcomes: What are the learning outcomes of SSME programmes?

Process Overview

The framework itself initially consists of a series of questions. We will invite answers to these questions from stakeholders before and during the September 17th/18th SSME workshop

After the workshop the questions and answers will then be compiled into a single document in the form of a series of headings and statements

This document will then become our draft blueprint and will be circulated widely for comment

The final blueprint will be then be available to all

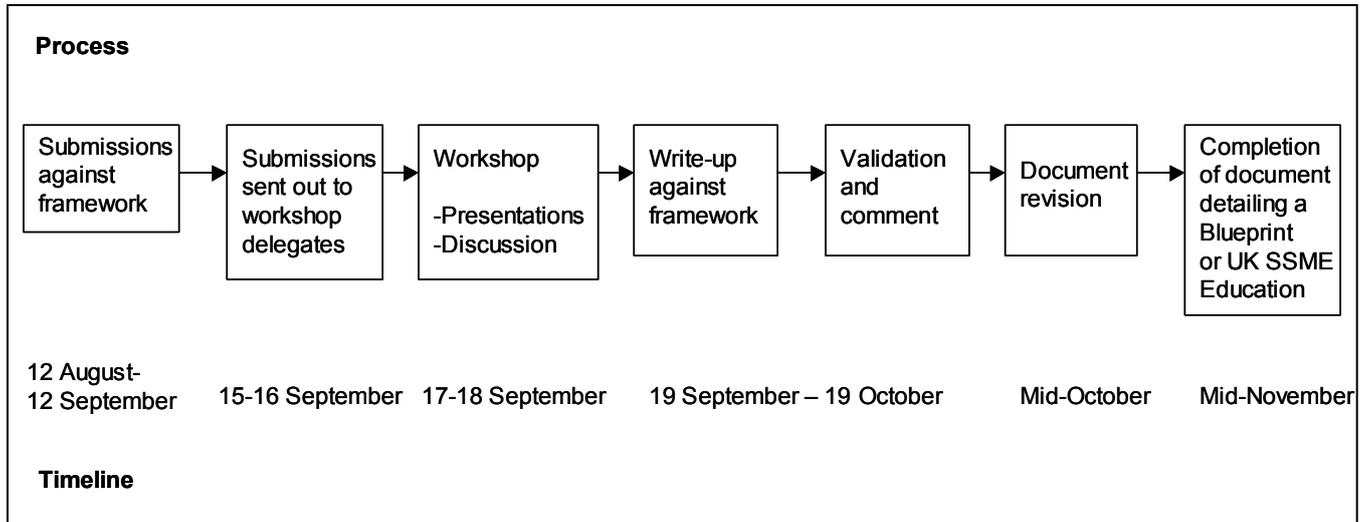
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Process details

1. August 12th to September 12th issue the Framework and request contributions from individuals or organisations
2. September 15th to 16th copy contributions for Workshop delegates
3. September 17th to 18th structure the workshop around the framework such that there is additional input to each question
4. September 19th to October 19th draft the Blueprint for UK SSME Education
5. Arrange conference calls to discuss draft and dissemination plans
6. Final Blueprint completed by mid November

¹ The framework is based on the University of Manchester's guidelines for the approval of new taught programmes and is similar to that used in other UK universities.

An overview of the process and timeline is illustrated below:



Roles and Responsibilities

The blueprint will be an output of the SSME UK Network

All contributions will be acknowledged

The Manchester team will take responsibility for:

- collecting and collating contributions and making them available to Workshop delegates
- drafting and redrafting the blueprint

The Workshop organising committee will take responsibility for:

- Encouraging contributions
- Commenting on drafts
- Developing and implementing a dissemination plan

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