Teaching Excellence Framework: Year two

Statement of findings

The Chicken Shed Theatre Trust

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TEF Silver

This award was made in June 2017 and is valid for up to one year.

The TEF Panel reviewed the provider metrics and provider submission according to the process and criteria specified in the TEF guidance.

The provider metrics, supplemented by the submission, indicate that students achieve excellent outcomes. Very high proportions of students continue with their studies, however there are non-reportable metrics regarding progression to employment, highly skilled employment or further study which the provider submission does not address. Non-continuation rates very notably outperform benchmark. The metrics indicate very high levels of student satisfaction with teaching, assessment and feedback.

The Panel considered the submission in relation to the TEF criteria and its judgement reflects in particular, additional evidence of:

- course design and assessment practices that provide scope for excellent levels of stretch for students to develop professional and transferable skills
- development of an outstanding curriculum informed by the needs of external providers in the fields of inclusive theatre, performance and theatre education
- work-shadowing strategies and exposure to wider professional experiences provide students with opportunities to learn and develop knowledge and skills that are valued by employers
- student exposure to very high levels of professional contact with a variety of organisations and alumni enabling project work and further professional training through a Chicken Shed scheme
- contact time, including personalised and small group provision, which secures high levels of engagement and commitment to learning and study from students
- students' academic experiences systematically tailored to the individual
- a well-embedded institutional culture that facilitates, recognises and rewards excellent teaching which includes team teaching supported by a peer mentor scheme.

Overall, the TEF Panel judged that the combination of evidence in the provider metrics and the provider submission best fits the descriptor for a Silver award.

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