

Emeritus Professor Jethro Newton



Until July 2012, Jethro Newton was Dean of Academic Quality Enhancement at the University of Chester, having previously held the position of Dean of Learning and Teaching. Prior to 2002, he held positions at the University of Wales, the University of Bradford, and the Open University. Currently working on a freelance basis, he holds a position as Senior Adviser to the European University Association.

Jethro studied sociology, literature and the history of ideas at the University of Bradford, gained a Graduate Certificate in Education from the University of Leeds, and was awarded a Masters in Sociology and Social Policy by the University of Salford. He received his doctorate from the University of Wales, having completed a thesis on academics' responses to quality policy.

His academic interests and publications are in the areas of higher education policy, including governance and leadership, and quality management, and evaluation of policy and strategy implementation. Jethro has made keynote presentations on these topics at international conferences on all five continents. He is Executive Editor and Editorial Board member of the international journal, *Quality in Higher Education*.

An experienced institutional auditor for the UK Quality Assurance Agency, and before that the UK Higher Education Quality Council, Jethro contributes to the European Universities Association (EUA) Institutional Evaluation Programme (IEP) and has completed assignments for the EUA in Portugal, Turkey, Montenegro, Slovenia, Romania, Palestine, Lebanon, and Africa. He has also worked in an advisory capacity on higher education policy as a member of the International Advisory Board of the National Science Research Foundation of South Africa. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Polish Accreditation Committee, and has undertaken accreditation and evaluation work of national quality agencies on behalf of the European Association for Quality in Higher Education (ENQA), for whom he is the EUA representative. Jethro is also external adviser to the University of London International Programmes Committee.

Jethro has pursued his wider academic interests at national level, in both the UK and Wales, through membership of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) Assessment Panel for the Centres for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CETL) initiative, the Advisory Panel for the Higher Education Academy (HEA) National Teaching Fellowship Scheme, and as a member of the Expert Group on Learning and Teaching providing advice to the Assembly Government for Wales 'Review of Higher Education'. A former member of the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales Learning and Teaching Committee, he also chaired the Welsh Universities Academic Development Group.

As Dean of Academic Quality and Enhancement, Jethro was head of the Department of Academic Quality Support Services and was founding Director of the University's Learning and Teaching Institute, which he established in 2004. He held senior management responsibility for quality strategy; learning and teaching strategy; collaborative provision and partnerships; technology enhanced learning; professional teaching standards; and the student experience.