**Dundee College - Learner Engagement and the Lead Rep system**

At the Student Association annual away day with the Board of Management in June 2011 it was agreed after discussions and a workshop led by learners that the college would enhance learner representation by introducing a new type of rep which we have called the “Lead Rep”.

Currently we have in excess of 300 class reps that attend programme team meetings and represent the views of their fellow learners. To enhance representation and ensure that the common “big messages” raised by students are brought to the attention of the college more quickly it was agreed that we should introduce a smaller group of lead reps. This smaller group who in the first year were selected by curriculum staff have a broader picture of the curriculum delivered by each of the six Centres, building a relationship with and listening to both the class reps and key curriculum staff.

Current feedback is that the system is very much “work in progress” but that in a number of Centres, there is an enhanced relationship between curriculum teams and learners; additionally, the common views and issues of learners are more effectively brought to the attention of the Student Executive Forum (the collective body of Committee and Lead reps) and college and Board of Management Committees.