‘impact’ of international cooperation on the quality of higher education

Sustainable and Meaningful Partnerships

Agenda

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- Our international collaboration
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- Insights we have gained
- Framework for actionable recommendations
- Comments

Who We Are

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A GLOBAL CONSTELLATION OF RECOGNITION PARTNERS
Collaborating Across Borders • Sharing Knowledge • Advancing Recognition for All
ePIC
Open Recognition Alliance
CredX
Advancing a Skills-First Economy
GDN
Groningen Declaration Network
GENEVA FORUM
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BCPLAN
British Columbia's Prior Learning Action Network
PCCAT
Pan-Canadian Consortium on Admissions & Transfer
Connected by a Shared Mission:
Recognizing learning.
Expanding opportunity.
Strengthening communities.
Together.
PLAIO
An international Journal on Theory Research and Practice
CAPLA
Canadian Association of Prior Learning Assessment
CREDENTIAL AS YOU GO
Incremental Credentialing
5th VPL BIENNALE
May 6 - 8 May 2024, Ireland
THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY
SUNY EMPIRE
STATE UNIVERSITY
RESPECT
for diverse learning
EQUITY
in access and opportunity
COLLABORATION
across borders and sectors
INNOVATION
for a better tomorrow
IMPACT
for individuals and communities

Sampling of Impact

- Global Learner Qualifications Framework, 16 principles
- Decolonizing PLAR at TRU
- Inaugural International Day of Recognition
- Networks of networks

- PLAIO Enhancements
  - Webinars
  - Thematic issues
  - Resources
  - Advisory board
  - Special editions
  - Website

Insights We Have Gained

Responsibility

1. Lift up global practices
2. Get involved
3. Build trust
4. Remove barriers
5. Setting priorities

Iterative feedback loop

1. Ask questions
2. Take risks, make mistakes
3. Share resources and results
4. Create meaningful change

Power of group wisdom

1. Bring like-minded people together
2. Disciplined listening to hear and understand other perspectives, ways of knowing, values, philosophies
3. Foster inclusion

Seven Core Strategies

1. **The Adjacent Possible** — New ideas emerge by building on what already exists, extending possibilities one step at a time.

2. **Liquid Networks** — Ideas flourish in environments where people, perspectives, and information can connect and recombine freely.

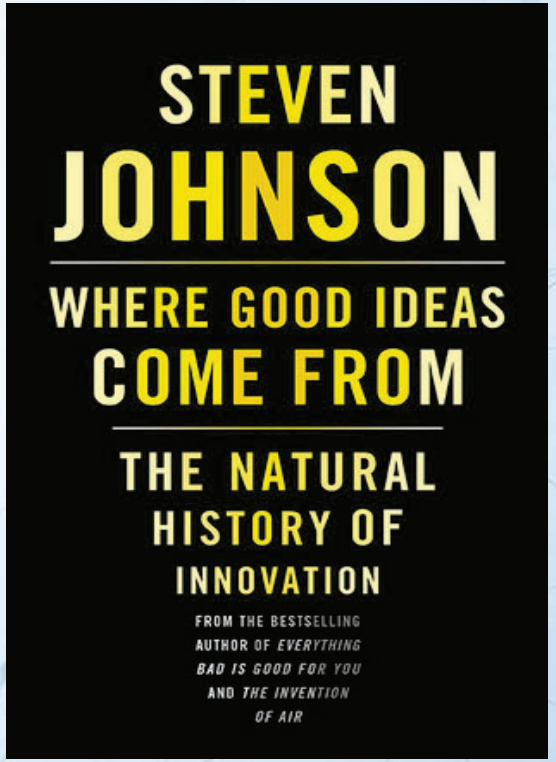
3. **The Slow Hunch** — Important ideas often develop gradually over time rather than appearing as sudden flashes of insight.

4. **Serendipity** — Unexpected encounters and connections can bring partially formed ideas together in productive ways.

5. **Error** — Mistakes, failed experiments, and unexpected results can open pathways to discoveries that would otherwise be missed.

6. **Exaptation** — Something developed for one purpose can be adapted or repurposed for an entirely different use.

7. **Platforms** — Existing systems, technologies, institutions, or bodies of knowledge provide foundations upon which further innovations can be built.



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