Creating and Evaluating Collaborative Online International Learning Projects in the Post-Pandemic Higher Education Context

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Overview

Post-Pandemic Higher Education Context

Collaborative Online International Learning: COIL

Creating COIL Projects: COIL@RGU

Evaluating COIL Projects

Post-Pandemic Higher Education Context

POST PANDEMIC CONTEXT

Hybrid learning landscape
Collaborative online tools
Global workplace online

Requires:

Flexibility
Digital competency
Intercultural sensitivity

Collaborative Online International Learning: COIL

COIL

COIL or Collaborative Online International Learning, is part of the growing field of globally networked learning and internationalisation at home.

Participating in COIL@RGU projects will provide students with skills and confidence to enter the global, multicultural, digitally competent workforce.

Using freely available online technology, COIL@RGU projects enable more students to take advantage of international collaborative learning opportunities, regardless of their geographic location.

COIL@RGU was developed as a part of the RGU Emerging Stronger project, aiming to support colleagues and students seeking to enhance the future learning experience at RGU.
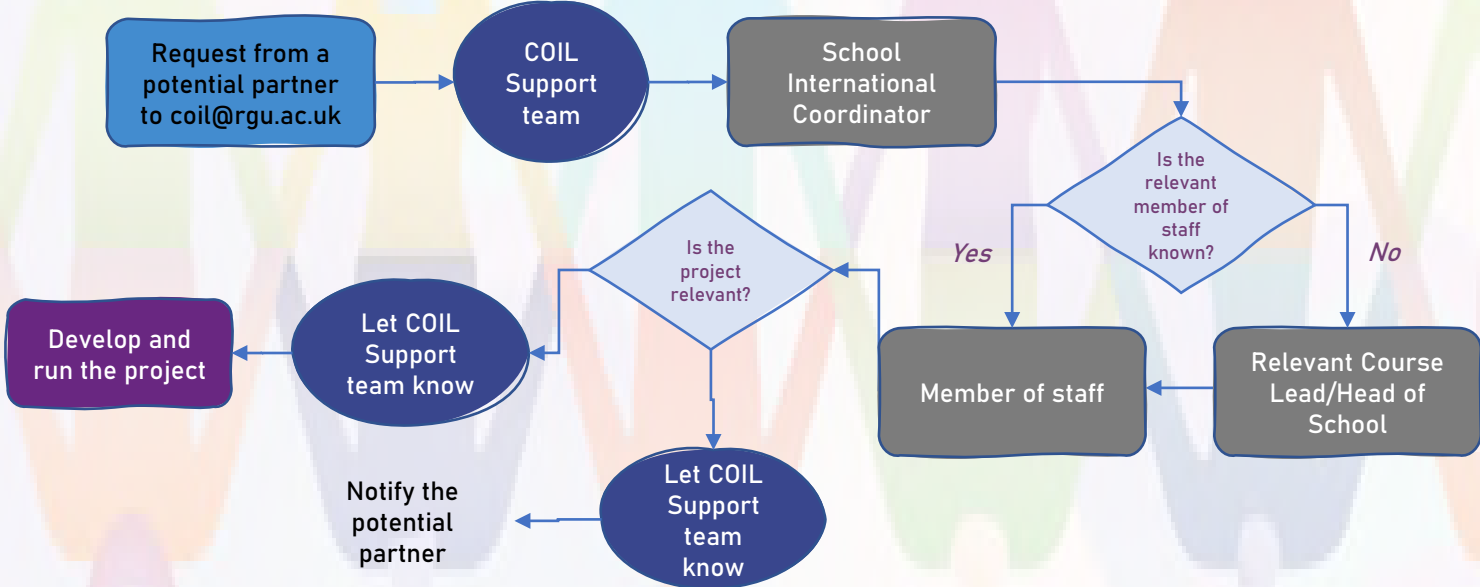
Creating COIL Projects: COIL@RGU

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COIL@RGU PROCESS (External Projects)

Request from a potential partner to coil@rgu.ac.uk → COIL Support team → School International Coordinator → Is the relevant member of staff known?

Yes → Member of staff

No → Relevant Course Lead/Head of School → Member of staff

Is the project relevant? → Let COIL Support team know → Develop and run the project

Is the project relevant? → Let COIL Support team know → Notify the potential partner

COIL@RGU WEBPAGE FOR PARTNERS

In the world of global industries, multicultural organisations and digital connectivity, we want our students to develop relevant skills and experience, ready to excel as a part of the international workforce.

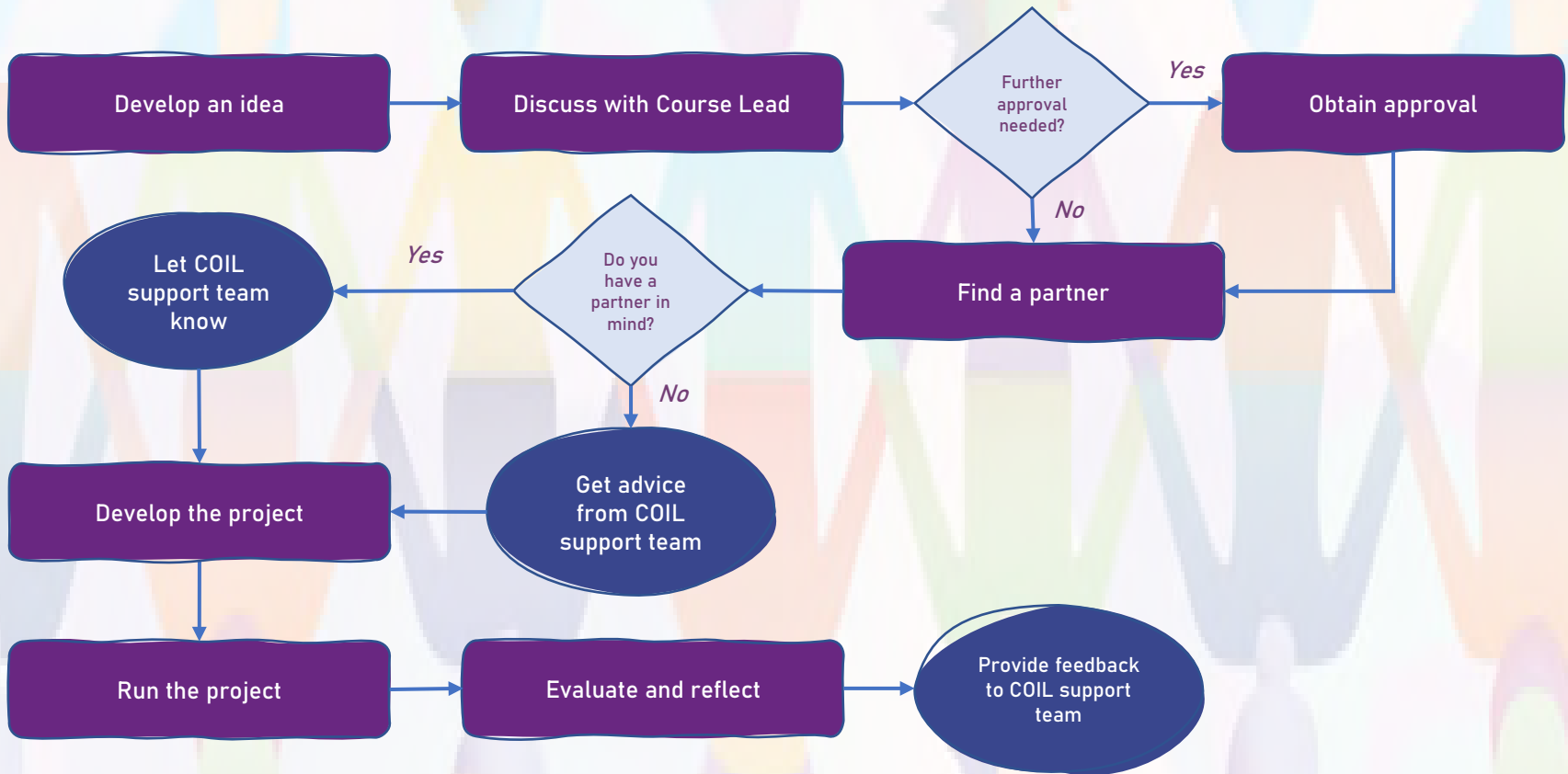On this page: What is COIL@RGU | Student feedback | Partners | Contact

What is COIL@RGU

COIL or **Collaborative Online International Learning** is an educational approach where groups or individual students from one institution collaborate with groups or individual students from another institution, in a different country and/or culture, on sustained and assessed projects or assignments, developed collaboratively by tutors from both partner institutions. The collaborative work takes place online, using freely available and commonly used communication technology.

COIL@RGU Explained

- External page, aimed at potential collaborators and prospective students

- https://www.rgu.ac.uk/ccip/coil-rgu

- 'Contact Us' option to coil@rgu.ac.uk

COIL@RGU PROCESS (Internal Projects)

Develop an idea → Discuss with Course Lead → Further approval needed?

Further approval needed? — Yes → Obtain approval

Further approval needed? — No → Find a partner

Find a partner → Do you have a partner in mind?

Do you have a partner in mind? — Yes → Let COIL support team know

Do you have a partner in mind? — No → Get advice from COIL support team

Let COIL support team know → Develop the project

Get advice from COIL support team → Develop the project

Develop the project → Run the project → Evaluate and reflect → Provide feedback to COIL support team

COIL@RGU MOODLE PAGE FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS

- Comprehensive resource/tool kit

- Key steps to develop COIL@RGU project

- Examples and peer support opportunities

STAFF: https://campusmoodle.rgu.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=101116

STUDENTS: https://campusmoodle.rgu.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=103297
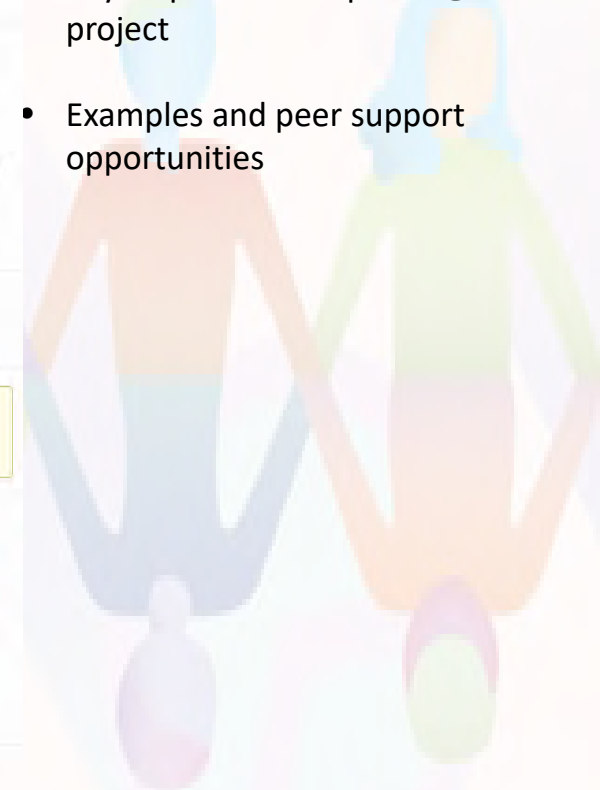
COIL@RGU SUPPORT TEAM

Internal

- Supporting staff with COIL partner-matching

- Maintaining projects database

- Collating feedback

- Maintaining Moodle

- Organising workshops/events

- Internal PoC for all COIL queries

External

- Owner of coil@rgu.ac.uk mailbox
- First PoC for potential partners
- Communicating incoming COIL requests to relevant schools
- Supporting COIL communication with partner institutions
- Supporting promotion of COIL@RGU to potential partners and networks

Evaluating COIL Projects

EVALUATING COIL

Gather feedback from students at home and partner institutions (written or recorded).

Gather feedback from the tutors at each institution.

Reflect and write down/record your experience and lessons from the project.

Participate in a debrief workshop with the COIL support team.

Share best practice.

COIL@RGU NEXT STEPS

Staff/student/partner feedback:

Strengthen / foreground benefits for staff, students, partners, employers

Enhance staff / student / partner communications

Develop staff / student training – COIL co-creation workshops

Embed in course enhancement plans strategically – link to FTLA / RGU+

Executive level endorsement on Moodle pages

Pro-active employer / alumni engagement plan

Toolkit accessible to external partners via web page

Improve IT support / infrastructure / access

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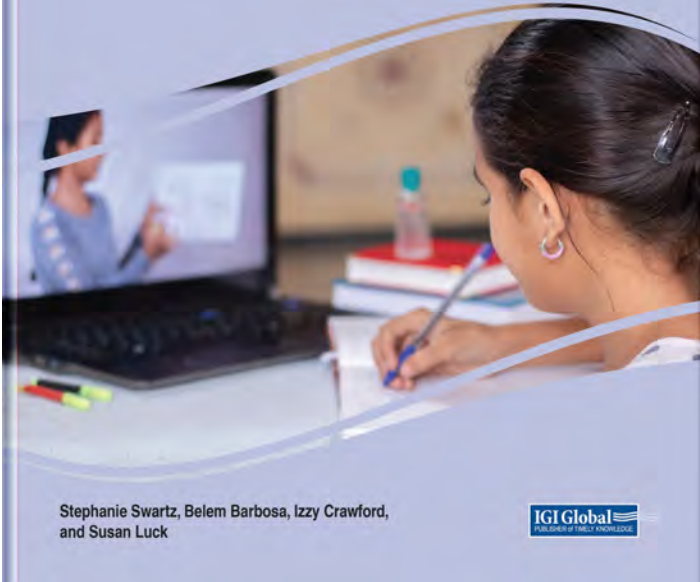
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