The HEEPI network project – identifying, sharing and learning from best practice

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THE HEEPI PROJECT
- HEFCE-funded 2001-7
- Partnership with key HE sector bodies AUDE (estates), EAUC (environmental managers), BUFDG (finance directors), UUK (University leaders) and HEA (academics)
- Aims
  - develop better and more comparable data on HE environmental performance
  - develop the capacity of staff with sustainability-related responsibilities

HEEPI activities
- Identify, disseminate and promote best sustainability practice in a number of key areas
  - Construction
  - Refurbishment
  - Energy and water management
  - Transport
  - Community
  - Knowledge transfer
  - Procurement
  - Curriculum
  - Leadership

HEEPI activities
- Support sustainability developments within individual HEIs
- Data collection and benchmarking
- Web resources
- Training
- Workshops and networking events
- Best practice guides
- Surveys and advice
- National award ‘Green Gowns’

NEWCASTLE – DEVONSHIRE BUILDING
Architect: The Dewjoc Partnership
Cost m²: £2,188
Features: automatic motorised Brise Soleil, “The Green Guide” building materials, heat from the office spaces and cold rooms is rejected into the cooling water circuit - rejected into a 40,000 litre geothermal water tank through a plate heat exchanger
Awards: BREEAM Excellent

HEEPI knowledge
- 60 national workshops/conferences 3000 delegates
- 4 years Green Gowns over 200 case studies
- Unique set of Energy Performance Benchmarks for HE buildings
- Detailed travel data for over 30 HEIs
- Anticipating drivers and needs
Lessons from HEEPI

- Institutions and individuals are hungry for good practice, support, and information
- Award schemes, e.g., green gowns, are very powerful
- Intra-country organisational rivalry needs careful management
- Data-based workshops based round detailed investigation of critical issues are welcomed
- Good practice, inspiration, and innovation can be found in every type of Institution
- National and regional networks need resources to grow and flourish