



Mapping activity onto a time line **2E**

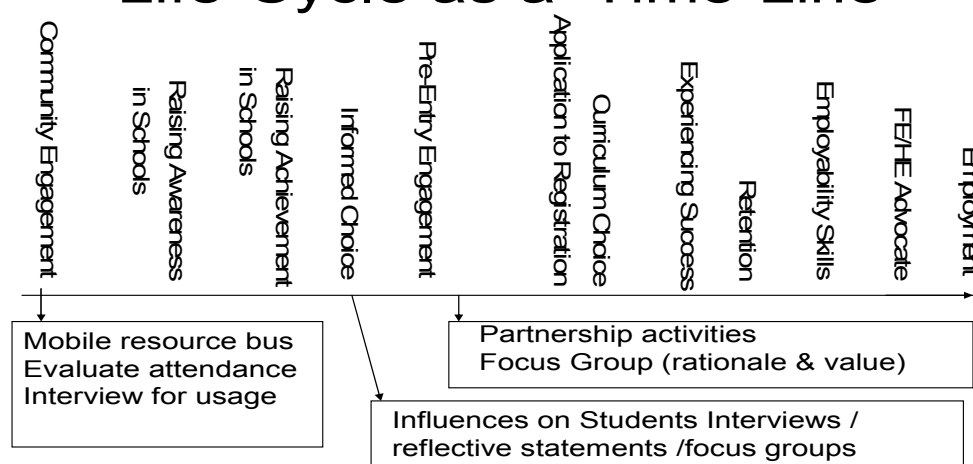
For an overview of different mapping techniques see Evaluation Preparation **2C**: Auditing existing evaluation data

Mapping widening participation activity onto a time line can allow you to identify:

- The range of activities delivered throughout the year
- When resources (staff and space) are in high demand
- Connections and possible linkages between activities currently offered by different staff, services within the organisation
- Key events that might impact on implementing your evaluation plan
- When it would be practical to undertake evaluation data collection, analysis and dissemination
- For reporting or decision making purposes when committees meet or budget decisions made

A linear student lifecycle timeline

Evaluation linked to Student Life-Cycle as a 'Time-Line'



An example of a timeline approach used by an Aimhigher Partnership

Tony Acland, Director of Hampshire and Isle of White.

A diagram to show how widening participation activities can contribute to a progression pathway. Each provider's activities are mapped onto the timeline. NB This is work in progress.

Website: <http://www.actiononaccess.org/download.php?f=1037>

Duration of Timeline

A timeline can cover a single year (see p2 of this document) which would allow you to map the institutional activities provided, or cover a number of years that would span the duration of a progression pathway (see p3 of this document) and a worked example in the presentation **2C**

Adding activities to the Timeline

A spreadsheet in Excel is useful for capturing background information or further information about activities on the timeline; it is also helpful in creating a flexible Gaunt Chart or table of activities or data collection. You can then extract relevant information to produce a table or diagram of key events in word or ppt format.



Mapping activity onto a time line - Annual

Activity	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug



Mapping activity onto a time line – Key Stages

← Activities you provide →							
Key Stage 2	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13	Higher Education
← Activities others provide →							



Mapping activity onto a time line – Multiple Timeline

You can also use a time line to map the activities that you will evaluate and when you will collect and analyse data and give details of where you will disseminate, e.g. conferences, specific meetings

	Activity	Evaluation Collection	Evaluation Analysis	Dissemination
Sept				
Oct				
Nov				
Dec				
Jan				
Feb				
March				
Apr				
May				
Jun				
July				
Aug				