

Student exchange in Australia and New Zealand: Comparison and collaboration

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Student mobility is somewhat of a buzz word in international education. For some time now, institutions have realised the value of mobility programs, such as student exchange, for both students and institutions alike. As many practitioners know, despite this realisation there are dramatic differences in the way that institutions have approached the question of outbound student mobility. The session aims to give an overview of outbound student mobility in both countries, to compare and contrast our systems, as well as to look at ways of working together.

In the first part of the session, there will be an examination of the different ways that each of our countries has approached outbound mobility.

The presenters will consider the following questions:

- What are the various ways in which Australia and New Zealand have approached student mobility – both at an institutional level and a national level?
- What have been some of the successes and failures in these approaches?
- What initiatives seem to be on the horizon from our respective policy-makers and what are the ways we can work to facilitate change?

Institutions in Australia and New Zealand also share many of the same challenges in outbound student mobility, and in the second part of the session the presenters will consider some of the following questions:

- What are some of the common problems facing institutions in Australia and New Zealand in regards to student mobility?
- What are some of the ways that we can work together help each other?