

# Guest Lecture

You are cordially invited to attend the Guest lecture on the theme “Engaged Scholarship-Balancing the Nexus of Teaching Innovation, Research and Engagement” by Prof George de Lange from the University of Nelson Mandela

The presentation is aimed at providing a case study on the approach followed by the Nelson Mandela University towards balancing the connections(nexus) between the core functions of the University and the development of engaged scholarship structures

It provides details on the institutions conceptual framework, factors shaping engagement (engaged scholarship), the integrated(connectedness) nature of engagement, internal engagement support (enablers of engaged scholarship), traditional scholarship and engaged scholarly outputs. Examples of engagement projects that have been successful in producing transdisciplinary engaged scholarly outputs form part of the presentation



Guest Speaker: Prof George de Lange

## Event is scheduled as follows:

Date: 23 April 2021  
Time: 16h00 - 17h30  
Venue: Teams

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## Prof George de Lange Profile

Prof George de Lange is the current Director of the Nelson Mandela University Engagement Office and has 35 years' experience in Higher Education. He started off his career at the Port Elizabeth Technikon as the HOD Co-operative Education and Service Learning and moved on to the position of Director: Industrial Liaison. During the 2005 merger process resulting in the formation of the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University in 2008 he was appointed as Director: Engagement. He was instrumental in developing the current centralised institutional Engagement Office structure and related policies.

Included amongst these were policies relating to partnership development and engagement. They include the University's e policy on Work integrated learning, Service Learning, Programme Advisory Committees, Short Learning Programmes and Non-Formal Education, The Establishment and Review of University Research & Engagement Entities, Engagement Policy as well as Engagement Recognition and Reward Criteria of the institution. He recently developed the University's Policy on the Establishment of Engagement Forums and Engagement Communities of Practice with external stakeholders.



On photo: Prof George de Lange

He served two terms as President of the South African Society of Co-operative Education and has published in the fields of Work Integrated Learning and University Engagement. He is regularly invited to offer Engagement developmental workshops at local and international universities on topics such as the institutionalisation, recognition and reward of Engagement as well as a member of institutional reviews and audits of engagement.

