



TEFCE CONSULTATION WITH THE TALLOIRES NETWORK (USA)

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MEETING CONCLUSIONS

- The initial **findings of the TEFCE project were presented**, in the form of a summary of the findings of the mapping and critical synthesis of the current state-of-the-art in community engagement in higher education, as well as an overview of the principles and structure of TEFCE projects' proposed Toolbox for community-engaged universities.
- **The Talloires Network supports the TEFCE project:**
 - The initial findings of the TEFCE project adopt a thoughtful and thought-provoking approach to community engagement in higher education.
 - In particular, the TEFCE critical interpretative framework (its "5x5 matrix") offers bold approach to the discussion on what is *authentic* community engagement.
 - The analysis of the TEFCE project has been very comprehensive and has included a broad scan of previous international initiatives to assess community engagement.
 - The TEFCE project's emphasis on the fact that comparing institutional performance in community engagement is neither useful or even possible, is in line with the approach of the Talloires Network.
- Information shared about the **work of the Talloires Network**, which works as an international association of 388 institutions from 70 countries committed to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education, with the aim of building a global movement of engaged universities. The Talloires Network places a special emphasis on working with the Global South.
- The Talloires Network has been working closely with Brown University and others in the **piloting of the Carnegie Elective Classification for Community Engagement** outside of the USA (in Ireland, Canada and Australia, and with interest expressed by other countries). The Talloires Network also participated in discussions about a new initiative led by Kings College London, the University of Chicago and the University of Melbourne to develop **metrics for community engagement**.
- It was concluded that it would be interesting to organise a **discussion between TEFCE, Talloires and the above-mentioned initiatives** (which each adopt different approaches to community engagement) and that a possible platform could be the Talloires 2020 leaders conference.
- Overall, the interests and approach of the TEFCE project and the Talloires Network are well-aligned, and is **open to the idea of participating in further dialogue** about the TEFCE Toolbox and the project as a whole through channels such as webinars, special stakeholder events, etc.

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