Having worked closely with ESCalate since it was established, the Forum for Access & Continuing Education will ensure that its legacy endures. One example of this is hosting electronic resources (presentations, reports and other publications) previously hosted on the ESCalate site. Another example is collaboration, the preferred way of working for both organisations, which FACE will continue to foster at both individual and organisational levels.

Running through all of ESCalate’s work was a focus on the learner and how professional practice could be enhanced to benefit the learner – this golden thread will continue to connect practitioners who were part of the ESCalate community, but also those who follow in the future.

The untimely demise of ESCalate has been noted by fellow mourners in the newsletter who recognise the significance of its contribution to the HE sector and beyond. In their eulogies, colleagues working in diverse settings across the sector have reported on the life history of the organisation and examined the consequences of its demise.

ESCalate’s legacy lies in the commitment which exists within the Education community to ensuring that collaboration within the field continues, and that the drive for continued improvement in teaching quality to benefit the learner is not only sustained but extended. Perhaps therefore, along with all the constructive and innovative work it has supported, ESCalate’s legacy will not be lost.

From our perspective, ESCalate has helped us understand the value of collaboration across the sector and in so doing it continues to feed our imagination for a better day!