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**Agresso Students,
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Financials**

**100 YEARS OF
EXCELLENCE IN
EDUCATION**

The Institute of Education, a graduate college of the University of London, was founded in 1902 to deliver high quality training for teachers. Every year 1,000 graduates attend its Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) courses. Over the years it has expanded its activities and now offers courses leading to higher degrees in all areas of education and related aspects of the social sciences and professional practice. The Institute has also long been recognised as a leading centre of educational enquiry. At any one time, it hosts over 100 research projects funded by research councils, government departments and other agencies.

The Institute has come a long way since 1902: from national teacher training college to world-class centre of excellence. As it looks ahead, it does so with confidence, determined to maintain its position at the forefront of teacher education and training, enquiry and debate, by building on its strengths and moving into those new areas that will be crucial to the success of knowledge-based societies in the twenty-first century.

With 4,400 students and 620 staff the Institute of Education offers the largest portfolio of postgraduate courses in education in the UK. Those seeking professional development enjoy small classes and easy access to inspirational tutorial staff, many of whom are active in research and policy formation networks. A diverse student body drawn from over 70 countries, from within the field of education and far beyond, creates a stimulating learning environment.

The Institute of Education has been selected by the government to host a new research centre which will investigate ways to improve adult literacy and numeracy. The DFES-funded National Research and Development Centre for Adult Literacy and Numeracy will carry out work of importance to the national Skills for Life strategy, which aims to improve literacy, language and numeracy skills of adults who lack them.

REQUIREMENTS

With technology constantly changing and developing, the Institute decided that its ten year old in house Student Records system needed updating.

The major factors which the new system required included the ability to share student information across the Institute, including with students, from one system, whilst ensuring the integrity of the data and protection of personal information. A system that would facilitate on-line application and registration was also a benefit that the Institute required in the new system.

Four companies were invited to tender and three were shortlisted against by the Project Board.

CHOICE Why Agresso?

Jayne Dunn, User Support Manager explains

"We thought that the Agresso team understood our requirements more fully than the competitors, and we were impressed by their ability to show how Agresso fitted with our needs.

The ability of the Sales team to demonstrate how Agresso could be adapted to IoE's needs was the basis of the final decision.

IoE believe Agresso will provide the management with more control on the type of access users are allowed to have, which in turn means that the system can be made available to a wide audience, due to appropriate levels of access being given to individuals.

From a user's point of view information would be made available to a wide range of staff and students. In comparison, the current system only allowed Registry based staff to access *the up-to-date information*".

Response from Agresso

"Our partnership with the Institute of Education cements our corporate policy of delivering to the heart of the U.K Higher Education Sector. We are delighted to have been chosen and look forward to delivering real benefits to this unique HEI" commented John Drew, Sales at Agresso.



Agresso Students Features:

- Total modular assessment & progression facility
- completely integrated Nursing & Teacher training placement module
- fully integrated modular structure
- integrated Graduation & Conferment
- integration to Best of Breed systems
- flexible modular curriculum
- on-line view of enquiries, admissions, registration, enrolment statistics & student activity

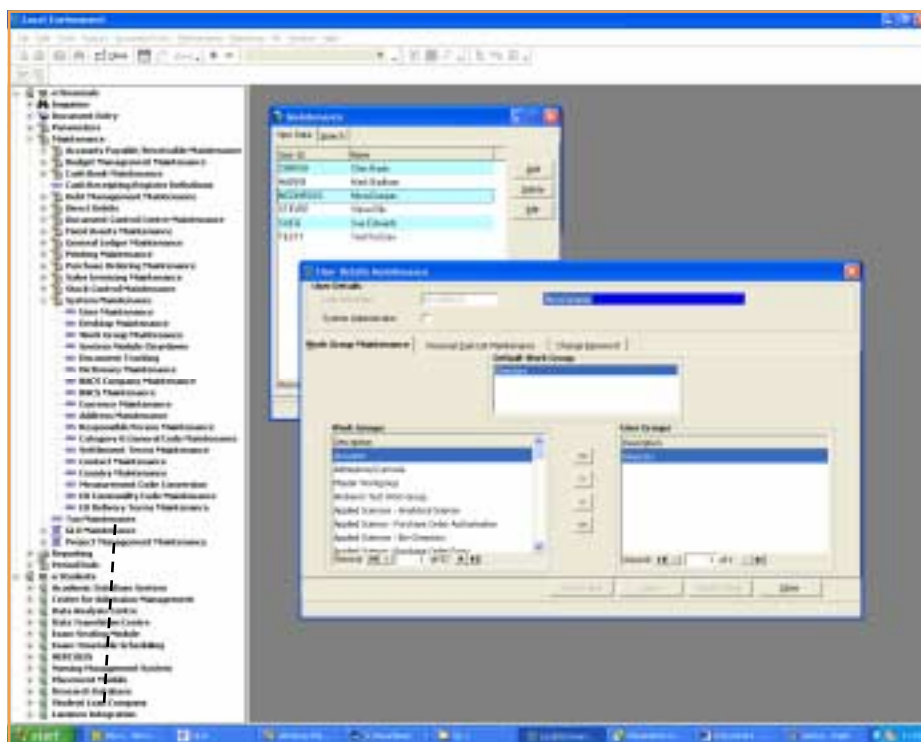
Agresso is one of the leading software houses, providing systems for student, financial and HR management in the education sector.

We offer implementation, consultancy, training, project management and support – all subject to TickIT/ISO 9001 accreditation.

User Groups are held to provide a useful forum for discussions on future product developments and enhancements – lending itself to customer-driven product development.

Sophisticated Security System throughout Agresso

The security mechanisms employed throughout our applications, are founded on control and management, with respect to the variety and multiplicity of users and their roles and responsibilities. Our approach has been to wherever possible; provide solutions to allow the management of the security to be easy to maintain yet sophisticated in deployment.



Given the devolved access, the software and associated data needs to be protected by an elaborate security system through which all attempts at access are forced. This consists of a user ID together with a valid password.