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The sigma Network – next steps

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Many delegates at this conference will be familiar with **sigma**. As a funded Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) between 2005 and 2010, based at Loughborough and Coventry Universities, **sigma** raised the profile of maths support as a legitimate and necessary provision in the higher education sector. **sigma** produced a range of learning resources and research into different models of maths support and their effectiveness.

Between 2010 and 2012, funding was obtained from the National HE STEM Programme to help set up maths support centres in more universities, and establish a network of regional **sigma** hubs to encourage the development of maths support initiatives at local level.

From 2012 the funding ceased, but the brand identity and momentum that **sigma** had built up was considered too valuable to lose. The co-ordinators of the six regional **sigma** hubs demonstrated their commitment to the principles of **sigma** by establishing the **sigma Network for cross-university maths and statistics support**.

This workshop will outline the work of the **sigma** Network during its first year, and address the key question of how to ensure the future sustainability of the maths support community. Participants will contribute their own experiences and understanding of “maths support” and the challenges faced. This will help to influence the next steps that the **sigma** Network should take to ensure that the legacy of **sigma** is maintained.