**Initial Planning Activity**

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| **Questions**   * What the problem/pedagogic issue is that you have identified that needs addressing * What are you going to change/or observe with regard to this pedagogical issue? * What do you see as the impacts and uses of this research? * Can you identify any other literature, studies, local research and other OU courses that have encountered/studied similar issues? * Whom is this research for?   + For your students to improve their learning experience   + For yourself – to improve your professional practice   + For the university – to develop OU policy, training methods, systems   + For the wider community of HE educators – national/international |  |
| **Methods**   * Who are you collecting evidence/data from (e.g., students, ALs, staff tutors)? * What resources/equipment will you need? * Who is conducting the research? * What research methods are you planning to use (e.g., surveys, interviews, focus groups or other)? * Are there different stages to your investigation/research (e.g., before you implement change, after change has happened)? * What are the timeframes and milestones you are expecting (e.g., over several TMAs, over several conferencing sessions, over several months of emails)? * Who will be analysing the evidence/data/ results (e.g., survey findings, telephone interviews transcripts)? * What analysis tools/methods are you expecting to use (e.g., statistics, descriptive narrative)? |  |