**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
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| **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)?
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