

**RSC Green ONLINE Conference:
Practical Advice for Greening your
Organisation**

Monday 5th December 2011

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Colleges at the heart of local communities

This month has seen two major conferences defining directions for the sector, and RSC London has participated in both. [NIACE's "Learning in a Digital World"](#) focused on how to best prepare for learning in the digital age, with the aim of helping participants from voluntary organisations, local authorities, learning providers and the private sector with the delivery of adult learning and the identification of strategic priorities. The AoC Annual Conference saw a renewed call for colleges to work in partnership with business, local authorities, third sector and other organisations in their local areas. The final [Report of the Independent Commission on Colleges in their Communities](#), launched at the AoC Conference, affirmed that learning providers are "already embedded in their communities" whilst calling for **greater engagement with employers as "co-designers of skills training" and with learners in the design of their curriculum.**

The RSC is committed to helping learning providers maximise their current position and opportunities through innovative learning and planning for the best return on their technology investment. Whether you are considering **how to make use of the promised freedoms and flexibilities around the curriculum, or for other organisational change**, make sure you make full use of the advice and support available from RSC London and other JISC Advance services by contacting your [RSC London advisor](#).

RSC London Events

5th December 2011 [RSC Green ONLINE Conference](#): Practical Advice for Greening your Organisation – FREE to supported providers

15th December 2011 [Impact for LRS Managers Day 2 \(JISC RSC Eastern/London/South East\)](#)

JISC Brettenham House, 5 Lancaster Place, London, WC2E 7EN - Fee £75

20th January 2012 10.00-3.30pm [Adult Education Forum](#) - Senate House, London WC1E 7HU –

21st March 2012 [Work-based Learning Conference and Workshop: 'Mobile Technology in Learning'](#)
- London, WC1H 9HQ - FREE to supported providers

National/Regional Events

7th December 2011 10.00 - 4.30 [JISC Advance - Digital Media and Copyright Seminar](#) - JISC
Brettenham House, 5 Lancaster Place, London, WC2E 7EN –Fee £100

RSC London News

ACL Forum – January 20th

Interesting proposals for presentation to the ACL Forum to be held on 20 January 2012, at Senate House, have come in from colleagues. Further contributions and ideas for short (15 minute) presentations are welcome. The forum will also provide informal opportunities to share current concerns in adult learning with colleagues in the sector. If you would like to share your good practice just send a brief outline of the topic to [Martin](#) or [Rosemary](#).

Other News

TES FE Award winners

Congratulations to all at **BSix Brooke House Sixth Form College** in Hackney, The Times Education Supplement FE Awards: Provider of the Year and Outstanding Marketing/Communications Team Winner 2011!

Also to Outstanding Entrepreneurship in Learning and Skills winner: Barking and Dagenham College and the winner of the Outstanding Estates Team Award, City of Westminster College.

Funding opportunities

LSIS Funding: Developing Social Enterprise Ambassadors programme

LSIS is offering grants of up to £10,000 to learning and skills providers to develop a programme to identify and develop social enterprise ambassadors, and to cascade this learning to other providers by hosting delivery of the programme to a cohort of people drawn from the learning and skills sector. Application guidance from:

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/workingwithlsis/opportunities/funding-opportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

Deadline: Monday 5th December 2011.

Funding for Peer Review and Development Groups: Developing the curriculum to meet the needs of the community

LSIS has announced an opportunity for Peer Review and Development (PRD) groups to access funding for peer reviews and/or collaborative development activity relating to the **development and delivery of the curriculum to meet local community and employer needs**. Funding, up to a maximum of £5000, is available to a limited number of PRD groups.

Guidance and application form available from:

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/workingwithlsis/opportunities/funding-opportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

Deadline: midnight 14th December 2011

JISC Grant Funding 17/11

The JISC invites institutions to submit funding proposals for a project to create innovative **Open Educational Resources (OERs) around the theme of World War One**. Full details and eligibility criteria from:

http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2011/10/grantcall1711.aspx

Deadline: 12:00 noon UK time on 5th December 2011.

International Scholarship Scheme – Higher Education Academy

The HE Academy's international scholarship scheme has been designed to benefit the UK Higher Education (HE) sector by bringing back interesting, challenging and innovative learning and teaching practice to the UK. Guidelines and how to apply:

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/international-scholarship-scheme>

Deadline: 31st January 2012.

Resources

JISC Inform

This autumn's edition of [JISC Inform](#) includes items on sharing services; an open, online resource for Hairdressing Training; an update on the JISC Review and the new JISC Shadow Board and an introduction to some of the faces behind [JISC Advance](#): the family of advisory services that includes the Regional Support Centres. Available from:

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/inform/inform32/contents.html>

What is mobile learning?

The Mobile Learning infoKit is a good place to start if you are thinking about mobile learning. It has useful pointers, things to consider and 'snapshots' of how other institutions have approached it. Available from:

<https://mobilelearninginfokit.pbworks.com/w/page/41751137/What-is-mobile-learning>

Little Guides from JISC Digital Media

A new series of 'Little Guides' addressing some **common queries and questions about digital media** are the latest offering from JISC Digital Media. The first subject areas covered are:

[The Little Guide to Finding Digital Media Resources](#) (PDF)

[The Little Guide to Copyright](#) (PDF)

Association of Colleges Annual Conference (AoC) 2011

Video coverage and interviews from the AoC Conference are available from:

<http://www.fenews.co.uk/association-of-colleges-annual-conference-aoc-2011>

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