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Over the summer we will be planning our activities for the coming year. Please input into this process:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fp_consultation_2010-11.



We Have a New Manager

This e-bulletin marks a transition point for RSC London and the start of our review and forward planning activities for the year ahead. This time we start the process with new **Manager, [Graciano Soares](#)**, taking up the reins. A senior adviser with RSC London since 2005, Graciano is keen that our providers tell us about their **organisational** and personal **technology priorities** for the coming year in order to inform our planning of services and activities. We have created a simple form for you to feedback quickly about your priorities and needs available from:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/fp_consultation_2010-11.

“One key task for us this year will be to offer leaders in learning providers in London a free and impartial forum to discuss their priorities for technology. The aim is to combine the **expertise and experience** from those who have travelled further in their technology journey to help others identify ways of **achieving strategic objectives** through the **effective use of technology**, without losing sight of **development and innovation**.”

Thriving at the End of Year Event

Delegates from colleges, training organisations and partner agencies from across London came together for RSC London’s annual end of year event, ‘Thriving in Times of Change’, to focus on how organisations must do more than just survive - but aim to **thrive through adapting and collaborating**. A [comprehensive event report](#) is now available, covering all the key messages from the day.

Other multimedia resources from the event, including the superb photographs taken by Mohamed Mohamed, a student at Kingston College, are also

“It helps your understanding of where you are and where you need to get to.”

“I always come away from these events with something I feel I can use.”

being collated and are available from [here](#).

News

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Recent events: ILT Strategy Development and eResources

These two recent events attracted a great deal of interest across the region. If you are involved in [ILT strategy development](#) or [eResources](#) the reports of the events are now available, incorporating the collective wisdom captured on the day and a variety of other resources.

New Excellence Gateway case studies from London

Bromley Adult Education College (BAEC) selected NComputing **desktop virtualisation** as a cheaper and greener IT solution for some of its classrooms. A pilot system was implemented within a few months and the evaluation has identified **quantifiable benefits**. Read the full case study here: <http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=289831>

Bexley College's Moodle-based virtual learning environment (VLE) "Sparks" was not a popular platform back in September 2008 and was underused by both lecturers and learners. Read how the College set out to discover what could be done to turn this situation around and start to embed e-learning across the College: <http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=292398>

Other News

Next steps for Becta

Following the government announcement of the closure of Becta on May 24th, the Becta website now has an update on plans for its managed closure and information about how some of its specific programmes will be affected. <http://about.becta.org.uk/display.cfm?page=2137>

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National/Regional Events

16th July 2010 [Mahara UK 2010](#) pre-registration – ULCC - Westminster Kingsway College - £117

1st October 2010 [Future of Technology in Education 2010](#) (FOTE10) pre-registration – ULCC - Senate House, University of London – FREE

23-26 November 2010 [JISC Online Conference Innovating e-Learning 2010](#) – Bringing Innovation to Life: from adversity comes opportunity - Online - £50

Resources

What does the digital information seeker of the future look like?

New research from JISC suggests that the way people look for information in libraries and online is changing. This briefing paper and associated podcast, highlights findings on the behaviours of 'digital information seekers', namely students, researchers, academics or anyone else using digital resources

in academic libraries.

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/publications/briefingpapers/2010/bpdigitalinfoseekerv1.aspx>

JISC Legal Newsletter

This month's JISC Legal Newsletter carries an article about **YouTube and copyright**. It advises, "FE and HE institutions should have measures in place to be able to take material off websites and VLEs once they have been informed that the content it is in breach of copyright. They must act quickly to disable, remove or block the content or become liable. Read the full article in the July newsletter available from: <http://www.jisclegal.ac.uk/Newsletter/July2010.aspx>

What research has to say for practice?

ALT has made available nine guides - originally authored by some well known names in the field of educational technology - as wikis, covering topics such as 'Tutoring online' and 'Using social software in learning': http://wiki.alt.ac.uk/index.php/What_research_has_to_say_for_practice

JISC Digital Media

Find time over the summer to visit the [JISC Digital Media](#) website. **JISC Digital Media** exists to help the UK's FE and HE communities embrace and maximise the use of digital media - and to achieve solutions that are innovative, practical and cost effective.

Finally, the team at RSC London wishes you a great summer break!

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