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## Technology enhances the learner experience: discuss!

At next month's [Annual AoC Conference](#), the JISC Regional Support Centres, sponsored by JISC Advance, will showcase the work of two colleges: Barnsley College in South Yorkshire and The College of Haringey, Enfield and North East London. **Jane O'Neill (Vice-Principal Curriculum and Learner Experience)** and **Scott Hallman (Head of e-Learning)** will be presenting on the London College's use of technology to enhance the learner experience.

Both of these colleges have developed technology-based systems to support learners beyond the classroom. This has yielded **cost and time savings** and also **improved the quality of interactions between the college and its learners**. If you cannot attend the AoC session, look out for our event report next month to find out how, with strategic support, they are adding value through investment in technology.

Better still, make the most of your RSC and book a visit from [your RSC London adviser](#) to discuss it!

### RSC London Events

3rd November 2011 9.30-4.00pm [Impact for LRS Managers Day 1 \(JISC RSC Eastern/London/South East\)](#) - JISC Brettenham House, 5 Lancaster Place, London, WC2E 7EN – Fee £75

23rd November 2011 9.30-4.00pm [Xerte Online Toolkits: Sharing good practice](#) - Islington City Learning Centre, London N5 2EG - Details and booking form at: <http://www.rsc-london.ac.uk/1497/> - FREE

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

## National/Regional Events

28th October 2011 - [Xerte Friday Online Session - Earth sciences](#) Online – FREE

4th November 2011 [Niace Conference Learning in a Digital World](#) – The Abbey Centre, London, SW1P 3BU – Fee £150

15-17th November 2011 [AoC Annual Conference](#) – ICC, Birmingham – Fees apply

22-25th November 2011 ONLINE [JISC Online Conference Innovating e-Learning 2011: Learning in transition](#) – Fee £50

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

### New case study: Redbridge College's Learning Observation System

Reliance on diverse, paper-based recording systems to capture information related to teaching observations was perceived as costly, both in staff time and lost opportunities to drive college-wide improvement. The in-house development and implementation of the Learning Observation Tracking System (LOTS) took place over a year. It has led to **improved consistency and compliance with the observation process** and **more effective management information and monitoring**. As OfSTED observe, the College lesson observation system is well organised and managed, and outcomes are related clearly to a wide range of relevant staff development opportunities.

Read the full case study on the Excellence Gateway:

<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=332169>

### Forthcoming events

For those not yet familiar with **Xerte** or for those wanting to extend their knowledge and share in the good practice of others, RSC London has another of our [popular Xerte workshops](#) taking place on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Islington City Learning Centre. The day offers a useful blend of **practical hands-on work and real-world demonstrations of interactive content created with the Xerte platform**.

**ACL providers** are invited to submit ideas for short (15 minute), presentations to the next ACL forum taking place at Senate House on January 20th. This event will also provide an opportunity to share current concerns in adult learning and explore approaches with colleagues. Suggested themes include:

- getting tutors engaged with technology and new pedagogy;
- managing a VLE project in a traditional Adult College;
- the contribution of ICT to getting a grade 1 at Ofsted;
- e-portfolios in Adult Education;
- supporting ILT through sub contracted provision;
- using technology to provide flexible delivery for learners.

If you would like to share your good practice on these, or other topics, with ACL colleagues just send a brief outline to [Martin](#) or [Rosemary](#).

### **The RSC Work Based Learning Conference 2012 – Call for presentations**

The theme for next year's RSC WBL Conference taking place in central London on **Wednesday, 21st March**, is '**Mobile Technology in Learning**'. We are inviting organisations from the London WBL sector to share their experience and good practice with colleagues. This call is not aimed only at those using the latest technologies but also those that are innovative in the use of everyday, low cost mobile technology that still benefits their learners and staff. Please contact: [Roger Gould](#)

### **FOTE11 – The movies**

Following the recent, highly successful Future of Technology in Education (FOTE) Conference, the media files have now been made available online.

Videos and Slides: <http://fote-conference.com/wordpress/2011/10/fote11-slides-videos/>

Pictures: <http://flic.kr/s/aHsjvGkjXM>

### **Other News**

#### **Innovating e-Learning 2011 Keynote: Technology: the new force in our education system?**

**Lord Puttnam's** keynote to the **sixth annual JISC e-learning online conference** in November, will consider the potential impact of a major, positive disruption to the way the world approaches learning and teaching. In what is likely to be a controversial and challenging keynote, Lord Puttnam will share his view on how pedagogy is going digital. [Register now](#) to join pre-conference [Activity Week](#) and explore through live presentations and debate some of the latest thinking around enhancing learning and teaching with technology.

#### **Improving Science in Colleges**

This newly published Ofsted report contains some interesting pointers to the contribution of information technology and VLEs to effective teaching and learning in science. London's City and Islington (Candi) and Uxbridge were amongst the 15 colleges visited for the report.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/resources/improving-science-colleges>

#### **Review of Informal Adult Community Learning – NIACE Learner voice survey**

Learners and other members of the public are being given a unique opportunity to have their say about the future of informal adult community learning, by responding to a new NIACE survey online. The NIACE survey is sponsored by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) as part of its review of Informal Adult Learning and is aimed at learners and those not currently learning. **The closing date for responses is October 31<sup>st</sup> 2011**

<http://www.niace.org.uk/current-work/the-iacl-review>

### **Funding opportunities**

#### **JISC Grant Funding 16/11**

The JISC invites institutions to submit funding proposals for projects to be funded as part of its **Digital Infrastructure Programme**. Full details and eligibility criteria from:

[http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding\\_calls/2011/10/grantcall1611.aspx](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2011/10/grantcall1611.aspx)

Deadline: 21 November 2011 12:00.

### **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](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2011/10/grantcall1711.aspx)

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

### **LSIS Curriculum Development Fund**

An opportunity to bid for LSIS funding to support sector led continuing professional development (CPD) and innovative curriculum design and development. Three funding streams are available. Guidance and application form available from:

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/WorkingWithLSIS/Opportunities/funding-Opportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

**Deadline: Midnight on Wednesday 2 November 2011**

### **LSIS Teaching and Learning Projects: CPD modules**

LSIS invites providers from the learning and skills sector in England to bid for one of each project funds for activities to support effective teaching and learning. The overall purpose of these projects is for a number of providers to use the LSIS developed modules in a training situation to ensure their impact on overall quality improvement and that they are 'fit for purpose'. Guidance and application form available from:

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/WorkingWithLSIS/Opportunities/funding-Opportunities/Pages/default.aspx>

**Deadline: Midnight on Sunday 13 November 2011**

### **Provider-led projects to improve the quality of the Excellence Gateway**

LSIS invite bids from learning and skills providers in England for six provider-led projects to improve the quality of access to the content and services of the Excellence Gateway site as part of the LSIS drive to help the sector improve. Guidance and application form available from:

<http://www.lsis.org.uk/WorkingWithLSIS/Opportunities/Tenders/Pages/ExcellentGatewayprovider-ledprojects.aspx>

**Deadline: 12:00 midday on Monday 7 November 2011**

## **Resources**

### **JISC launches MediaHub**

[JISC MediaHub](http://www.jiscmediahub.ac.uk/) is a new multimedia platform offering digital image, video and audio collections. The platform offers access to free at the point of use images, video and audio content licensed for educational and research use, via an easy-to-use interface, cross-searching across all the collections and the ability to source content from a wide range of content-providers through a thumbnail and metadata search portal. <http://www.jiscmediahub.ac.uk/>

## **Cloud Computing in Institutions**

JISC Cetis has updated its [Cloud Computing in Institutions](#) (PDF) briefing paper. The Paper explores the risks and opportunities that cloud computing offers for Higher and Further education institutions. If your interest includes the legal implications of cloud computing, JISC Legal's recent publication, [Cloud Computing and the Law Toolkit](#) is intended for FE and HE professionals. The toolkit contains accessible, up-to-date information about cloud computing and will provide you with an overview of the key legal areas of copyright, data protection and contract law.

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