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Innovation: the new normal?

At a time when the post-16 education sector is under increasing pressure to deliver efficiencies and improvement across a range of agendas, innovation is becoming the 'new normal' and an essential component of success.

To mark another successful year of strategic engagement with providers across the region and beyond, RSC London is showcasing some winning examples of the innovative use of technologies by London's learning providers; **good practice that is sustainable, transferable and delivering real benefits for learners**. Join us on **Tuesday 28 June, for [The e-Factor RSC London Showcase](#)**, our end of year event which will provide a showcase for some of the best creative teaching and effective business practices in the region. With the focus on enabling technologies, we are planning a day packed full of **ideas and inspiration** with plenty of opportunity for delegates to **network and to share** with colleagues from across all of our supported sectors, including FE, HEIs, Work-Based and Adult and Community Learning.

Whether your priority is **finding new approaches to staff development, extending your reach using e-marketing or changing models of delivery**, be sure to join us at the iconic Senate House building by Russell Square for a 'new normal' day of ideas, stimulation and support.

RSC London News

MoodleMoot UK 2011

Senate House, University of London is once again the venue for MoodleMoot UK and RSC advisors have been able to climb out of our basement offices to share in the buzz, support the technology and facilitate some break-out sessions. This morning's (Wednesday 20th April) keynote was delivered by Martin Dougiamas speaking from Australia via a Skype link. He promises six-monthly releases of Moodle. Version 2.1 is planned for release in June and looks

likely to include improved features for use by mobile applications. Videos and presentations from MoodleMoot UK coming soon. Twitter tag #mootuk11

Developing Digital Literacies

Developing Digital Literacies is a series of free workshops from the JISC e-Learning Programme. The workshops will offer the latest in **organisational thinking and educational development around digital literacies**. Participants will hear the outcomes of recent JISC-funded activity in this area and be given the chance to share their own experiences through structured activities. The first workshop will take place on **26 May 2011 at Goodenough College in London** (in partnership with RSC London and RSC Eastern). Further information together with the registration forms for the workshops, is available from www.jisc.ac.uk/digitworkshops

Other News

LSIS Response Fund: Successful Projects

Congratulations to the successful projects that have been awarded grants from the Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) Regional Response Fund. These new projects aim to support providers to deal collectively with the operational, funding and planning implications of the changes to funding mechanisms. The successful London learning providers are:

London Work Based Learning Alliance on behalf of the LWBLA Leadership Group; **Hackney Community College**; **Tower Hamlets College** and **Sutton College of Learning for Adults**. The full list of successful projects is available here (PDF):

http://www.lsis.org.uk/AboutLSIS/MediaCentre/NewsArticles/Documents/RRF_Successful%20ProjectsKK.pdf

Focus Groups for CPD Framework for Business and Community Engagement

The JISC Advance Business and Community Engagement team would like to invite colleagues to attend one of a series of focus groups to help shape the development of a new national framework to support continuing professional development for Business and Community Engagement (BCE). Whether BCE activities form your whole role or only part of it, whether these activities are formally recognised or not, JISC welcome your input at these events. The London focus group will meet on May 18th. Further details from:

<http://bcecpd.jiscinvolve.org/wp/2011/04/15/cpd-framework-agreement-for-business-and-community-engagement-focus-groups/>

JISC Netskills London Workshops

JISC Netskills are offering a range of training workshops in the London Region during June and July. Topics include CSS, Writing for the Web and Training Skills. Full programme available from: <http://www.netskills.ac.uk/content/products/workshops/region/index.html>

New Research Information Management infoKit

The Research Information Management infoKit has been developed by JISC and JISC infoNet in conjunction with a number of universities who have worked to identify the issues and challenges they currently face within their research teams. The advice and guidance focuses on managing the research lifecycle from bidding for a grant through to publication. Find out how

the RIM infoKit can help you:

<http://www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk/infokits/research>

Virtual Training Suite

After July 2011, the Virtual Training Suite will receive no further funding. The Virtual Training Suite website and tutorials will remain freely available, but will not be maintained or updated.

For more information and a contact email visit:

<http://www.vtstutorials.ac.uk/about/faqs.html>

RSC London Events

11th May 2011 10.00 - 4.00 [e-Safety workshop](#) – Brettenham House, WC2E 7EN - RSC London/RSC Eastern Event – Free **(Now full - waiting list only)**

25th May 2011 10.00 - 4.00 [Digital Creativity 2011](#) - Islington City Learning Centre, N5 2EG - RSC London/RSC Eastern Event - £50

26th May 2011 [Developing Digital Literacies](#): A series of national workshops on developing learners and learning organisations- JISC RSC London/RSC Eastern Goodenough College, WC1N 2AB London - Free

28th June 2011 10.00 - 4.00 [The e-Factor RSC London Showcase](#) - Senate House, University of London, WC1E 7HU – Free

National/Regional Events

14-20th May 2011 [Adult Learners' Week](#)

5 - 6 July 2011 HEA Annual Conference: "[Changing Practice - Changing Times](#)" - East Midlands Conference Centre - Nottingham – Fees apply

6th July 2011 [Enhanced and Transformed: Tales from the Digital Age](#) - University of Greenwich, London - Fees apply

[6/8th September 2011 ALT-C 2011 - Thriving in a colder and more challenging climate – Call for proposals](#)

Funding Opportunities

Roadmap of future JISC grant funding

JISC has updated the future calls section of its website to show planned Grant Calls and Invitations to Tender up to July 2011. Full details and eligibility criteria can be found at:

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/futurecalls.aspx>.

Resources

Ofsted: Best practice in safeguarding in Colleges

This thematic report from Ofsted on safeguarding is based on visits to 14 of the 15 colleges that received an outstanding grade for the leadership and management of their safeguarding arrangements in 2009/10. The report features a number of Independent Specialist Colleges and Sixth Form Colleges including London's Christ the King and contains some innovative approaches to safeguarding. A key message worth noting is the involvement of learners in establishing a whole college ethos around safeguarding and feeling safe.

<http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Publications-and-research/Browse-all-by/Documents-by-type/Thematic-reports/Best-practice-in-safeguarding-in-colleges>

Connect to 400 years of history

Millions of historical records have become more accessible through the JISC-funded project, Connected Histories. The Connected Histories website provides a single point of access to a range of distributed digital resources relating to early modern and nineteenth-century British history enabling structured searching of millions of pages of text by names, places, and dates; and tens of thousands of maps and images.

Access the resources from: <http://www.connectedhistories.org/>

Managing copyright and intellectual property rights

A new IPR and Licensing e-learning module from the JISC-led Strategic Content Alliance (SCA) aims to help people dealing with copyright and other intellectual property rights in universities, colleges, museums, libraries and other public bodies. The module supplements a range of tools to support the management of IPR, created by the Alliance. Access the module from:

<http://www.web2rights.com/SCAIPRModule> . The SCA Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) toolkit

is also available from:

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/themes/content/contentalliance/reports/ipr.aspx>

Cloud Computing Toolkit from Archives and Records Association and Aberystwyth University

This toolkit aims to guide information professionals in assessing cloud computing services for information use and storage. The toolkit can be used as a starting point for assessment of the risks and benefits of outsourcing services and information storage to the cloud, and the development of a cloud strategy, specification or requirements for using cloud storage. The Cloud Computing Toolkit: Guidance for Outsourcing Information Storage to the Cloud is available from the ARA website at <http://www.archives.org.uk/>

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