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## Sharing what works - what's not to like?

In a period of rapid change driven by the need to reduce costs, the evidenced good practice of other learning providers and trusted colleagues is an indispensable resource. Institutional restructuring can result in managers taking on new and unfamiliar areas of responsibility and needing to get rapidly up to speed. Creativity and innovation are still in demand, but there is no margin for error, costly mistakes or dead ends. In this climate, the imperative must be to **share the sector's knowledge and experience of what works** and bring the best examples of practice directly to our supported institutions.

One source of tried and tested initiatives, the [good e-practice case studies on the Excellence Gateway](#), reached a milestone this month with the publication of the 300<sup>th</sup> case study. This substantial collection of examples of effective uses of technology in the FE and skills sector is an important reference point for both managers and practitioners.

Need to engage staff with the VLE and classroom technology? Take a look at how [Greenwich Community College](#), [Bexley](#) or [Havering College](#) tackled it. Want to find out how other providers have implemented electronic individual learning plans (eILPs)? Researching different approaches to integrating your systems? Try a topic search using our [Delicious tags](#) and benefit from the experience of colleagues from across the country and made available on the Excellence Gateway.

## RSC London News

### Latest Excellence Gateway case study

MyCandi, the student portal developed by City and Islington College (Candi), is based upon MS SharePoint. It provides an online place for students where they can gain live access to relevant college systems, view a summary of their personal data and access their course area on

Moodle. The process of creating the Portal also produced wider benefits for the College. Read this new [MyCandi case study](#) on the Excellence Gateway.

## Other News

### Supporting the growing demand for HE in FE with e-learning strategies for higher education

The Mixed Economy Group Study on Creating a Virtual Faculty highlights the strategic importance of developing increased capability of technology enhanced learning in support of the growing demand for HE in FE provision. The Phase 1 report sets out to establish the current arrangements surrounding the use of Virtual Learning Environments (VLEs) amongst those staff who teach HE in a Further Education college (FEC). Read about the project and its findings or access the full Phase 1 report at:

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/elearning/meg>

### JISC Digital Media: online surgeries for screencasting

The JISC Digital Media team is currently running a series of online surgeries to help with screencasting. Future dates:

26 January 2011 - Considerations for screencasts as teaching and learning support resources

02 February 2011 - Using a screencast as a lecture capture tool

09 February 2011 - Using a screencast to provide feedback

To find out more or to join any or all of the on-line surgeries please go to

<http://www.jiscdigitalmedia.ac.uk/surgery>

### New licensing tool for open content

JISC is funding a support project on IPR and licensing issues for Open Educational Resources (OERs). The latest addition to their suite of support resources is the Risk Management Calculator, a new tool designed to help understand levels of risk associated with publishing open educational materials. The calculator helps those relatively new to licensing to make the right decisions when creating open content.

<http://www.web2rights.com/OERIPRSupport/risk-management-calculator>

### MoodleMootUK 2011: Last few 'early bird' tickets and call for papers

MoodleMoots are a way for members of the Moodle community to get together to share experience, learn new things about Moodle, and meet up face to face with their peers. Proposals are invited, for this year's MoodleMootUK, from all sectors to share the interesting and varied ways Moodle is put to good educational use. Full details of ticket availability and how to submit a paper at: <http://bit.ly/gAMaGm>

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## RSC London Events

9th February 2011 9.30-4.30 [Xerte Online Toolkits for Advanced Users](#) – Islington Learning Centre N5 2EG - £50

2nd March 2011 [Work Based Learning Conference](#) - Hamilton House, Mabledon Place, London,

WC1H - £42

24th March 2011 [HE in FE Forum](#) – Brettenham House, London, WC2E 7EN – Free

11th April 2011 ACL Joint London/South East and Eastern Forum – Brettenham House 10-3.30 – Free (Booking details coming soon)

## **National/Regional Events**

14/15th March 2011 [JISC Conference 2011](#) Financial challenges - digital opportunities - BT Convention Centre, Liverpool, L3 4FP – from £50+VAT

19/20th April 2011 [MoodleMoot UK2011](#) (pre-registration) ULCC - Senate House, University of London

## **Funding Opportunities**

### **Cut the Carbon**

LSIS is inviting bids, up to a maximum of £8,000, from learning and skills provider organisations to join the new Cut the Carbon Fund (CCF). The fund is designed to support projects to evaluate, further develop, expand and embed effective approaches to reducing the sector's carbon emissions and to share these approaches and systems with other providers.

Closing date for applications: 31 January 2011 5:00 pm. Full details and application forms from:

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

### **ESCalate funding opportunity: Developing Pedagogy and Practice 2010/11**

This funding is to support innovative teaching and scholarship amongst teachers and lecturers who work on higher education programmes within Education, Continuing Education and Life Long Learning. Bids are especially welcome from teams within the HE in FE sector. Projects should directly benefit education students through developments in pedagogy and practice.

Maximum awards: £5,000. Deadline for proposals: Monday, 31 January 2011

Full details and online application from the ESCalate website: <http://escalate.ac.uk/911>

## **Resources**

### **Overview of Moodle2**

Interest is growing in the new features that are available in the newly released Moodle 2.0. You might like to get an overview from these 'intro clips', recommended by Martin Sepion (RSC London) <http://tomazlasic.net/2010/11/moodle-2-intro-clips/>

### **JISC TechDis Xerte Friday training programme**

Xerte Friday online sessions are designed to support teaching practitioners who want to embed the use of Xerte online toolkits in their teaching. For 2011 the programme will be subject focused to encourage a wider range of staff to start on the Xerte Toolkits learning curve.

Subjects included in the current programme and how to join details available from:

<http://rsclondonnews.blog.ulcc.ac.uk/2011/01/25/jisc-techdis-xerte-friday-subject-focused-training/>

### **London Colleges on the benefits of using the Box of Broadcasts (BoB)**

**Croydon and Carshalton Colleges** have shared their experience of using the Box of Broadcasts (BoB) subscription service in recent case studies published by the BUFVC. [BoB National](#) is a shared off-air recording and media archive. It provides staff and students with online access to television and radio programmes from the previous seven days, as well as allowing users to book recordings for broadcasts. Users can also search thousands of programmes stored in the archive. <http://bufvc.ac.uk/aboutus/whatwedo/casestudies>

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