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## The JISC RSC London e-Bulletin May 2011

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### Senate House gets the e-Factor...

Senate House, a familiar Bloomsbury landmark and home to the RSC London team, was the venue for this year's MoodleMoot UK. The event, hosted for a second year by the ULCC, attracted 325 delegates who found a wide range of topics on offer from amongst the [40 Moodle-themed workshops](#). RSC advisors facilitating over the three days of activities and discussions as well as the Unconference, reflected on how the event succeeded in meeting the needs of both the technical and non-technical participants. If you missed it, video recordings of the keynote presentations and the workshops are now available from: <http://mootuk11.org.uk/videos/>

This same iconic building is also the chosen location for RSC London's end of year event, the [e-Factor London Showcase](#), taking place on June 28th. This year we aim to identify the 'e' factor innovations that are contributing to the **delivery of creative teaching and learning and transforming business delivery for London's learning providers**. We have been able to draw on the rich vein of innovatory practice happening within our supported organisations to present an inspiring collection of showcases from across the FE, HE, WBL and ACL sectors. **Places are filling fast. For full details of the programme and to book please visit:** <http://www.rsc-london.ac.uk/1478/>

**RSC London News**

### **Event Report: e-Safety Workshop**

A full report and resources from the highly successful RSC London e-Safety Workshop that took place earlier this month, are now available from: <http://www.rsc-london.ac.uk/1489/>

### **New case study from Kingston College: Blended learning across the curriculum – from models to delivery**

The Curriculum Cube is Kingston College's framework for technology integration in curriculum planning and delivery. It evolved from the Kube Project that focused on integrating technology into higher education business programmes through a blend of online and face-to-face delivery. Kingston is now developing practical resources to allow teaching teams to translate models of curriculum design into concrete experiences for learners. Read the full case study on the Excellence Gateway:

<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=319372&c=casestudies>

### **RSC London Blog: e-Advisers' Talking Points**

Over the last few months the RSC London team has posted occasional pieces that reflect on our work and that of the providers we support. The '[Talking Points](#)' area of RSC London News has recent articles covering: [the organisational decision to move to Moodle 2.0; practical tips for writing a strategy](#) and [developing organisational engagement with the VLE](#). RSC London Manager, Graciano Soares, has also contributed with [a reflection on the first six months of our 2010/11 service delivery](#) and a timely discussion of the [potential role of open source in cutting costs](#). The authors welcome your comments on these issues. Visit:

<http://rsclondonnews.blog.ulcc.ac.uk/category/talking-point/>

## **Other News**

### **New look for the Excellence Gateway**

The Excellence Gateway homepage has had a major redesign. This is just the first stage of a complete ground-up rebuild of the whole site but it has already improved the usability of the site which now has five pathways to key content and the most popular resources highlighted for users. The changes are a result of consultation with professionals from across the sector. They do not affect the service, resources or tools currently available on the Excellence Gateway; they have just made the site work better and help you find what you are looking for!

<http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/>

### **2011 ALT Learning Technologist of the Year Award**

Are you, or do you know someone, who is outstanding in using technology to support learning? If so, why not enter (or encourage them to enter) for the 2011 Learning Technologist of the Year Award? Closing date: Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Full details from:

[http://www.alt.ac.uk/news/all\\_news/2011-alt-learning-technologist-year-award](http://www.alt.ac.uk/news/all_news/2011-alt-learning-technologist-year-award)

### **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>

**JISC: Cloud computing increasingly attractive to Universities:**

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/news/stories/2011/05/cloud.aspx>

**RSC London Events**

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**

26th May 2011 2.00 -3.00 **online** - [From challenge to change: how technology can transform curriculum delivery](#) An Elluminate Live! Session on the outcomes of the **JISC Transforming Curriculum Delivery through Technology** programme which featured work by Lewisham and Kingston Colleges. [www.jisc.ac.uk/curriculumdelivery](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/curriculumdelivery). Register at: <http://bit.ly/Gm9Ni> Joining instructions will be sent in advance of the session.

June/July 2011 JISC Netskills Workshop Programme (London)

<http://www.netskills.ac.uk/content/products/workshops/region/index.html>

10th June 2011 10.00-4.30 [Copyright in Practice: working with digital media](#)- JISC Advance DigitalMedia and Copyright Seminar - ILRT, University of Bristol, 8-10 Berkeley Square, Bristol, BS8 1HH - £100

13-19<sup>th</sup> June - Universities Week 2011

<http://www.universitiesweek.org.uk/Pages/default.aspx>

5-6th July 2011 HE Academy 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 – University of Leeds

**Funding Opportunities**

**JISC Innovation Programme: Call for Projects in Developing Digital Literacies**

The Joint Information Systems Committee (JISC) invites institutions to submit funding proposals for projects to support the development and implementation of institutional approaches to digital literacies across the entire workforce and including students.

Total funding of up to £1,000,000 is available for 10 to 12 two year projects funded at up to £100,000 each. The **deadline for proposals is 12 noon UK time on Wednesday, 8 June 2011.**

Further information and eligibility details from:

[http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding\\_calls/2011/04/grant411.aspx](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/fundingopportunities/funding_calls/2011/04/grant411.aspx)

### **The Adult and Community Learning Fund**

The Skills Funding Agency has announced a new £2.25 million, Adult and Community Learning Fund (ACLF) to be administered by NIACE. The ACLF will contribute to the Government's aspirations for Informal Adult and Community Learning (IACL). Organisations from across England can bid to support **new and imaginative adult and community learning opportunities that engage and motivate, in particular, disadvantaged adults**. The maximum amount for any bid is £75,000 and the minimum is £10,000. Your application must be submitted by **noon on Friday June 10, 2011** or earlier if possible. Please read the Prospectus before submitting your application. Full eligibility details and online application form, from:

<http://www.niace.org.uk/current-work/adult-and-community-learning-fund-aclf>

### **Higher Education Funding: Teaching Development Grants**

The Higher Education Academy is offering bid-based development **grant funding to stimulate evidence-based research and encourage innovations in learning and teaching that have the potential for sector-wide impact**. Over the next year there will be a total of £1.5 million of funding available for individual grants, departmental grants and collaborative grants. **Closing date for Phase One bids: 15 June 2011**. Full details from:

<http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/funding>

## **Resources**

### **XERTE Fridays**

The JISC TechDisXerte Friday online training sessions take place on the last Friday of most months at [www.instantpresenter.com/techdisonline104](http://www.instantpresenter.com/techdisonline104) from 1 p.m.(GMT) and last around 45 minutes. These are free sessions and all you need to take part is an internet connected computer with a headset/earphones. These sessions are designed to support teaching practitioners who want to embed the use of Xerte online toolkits in their teaching and each has a subject-focus. Health and social care is the focus on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Full details from:

[http://www.jisctechdis.ac.uk/techdis/pages/detail/online\\_resources/Xerte\\_online\\_training\\_sessions\\_2011](http://www.jisctechdis.ac.uk/techdis/pages/detail/online_resources/Xerte_online_training_sessions_2011)

### **JISC Resources for Curriculum Design and Delivery**

JISC infoNet has launched two new resources which have been developed under the JISC [Curriculum Design](#) and [Delivery](#) programmes. Both resources are being hosted and managed by JISC infoNet ([www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk](http://www.jiscinfonet.ac.uk)), a JISC Advance service:

- Sustaining and Embedding Innovations: Good Practice Guide  
<https://sustainembed.pbworks.com/w/page/31632855/Welcome>
- Critical Friends: Effective Practice Guide  
An online effective practice guide for projects, sponsors and for those engaged in critical friend roles. This resource is intended to complement the resources around the [CAMEL](#) process. <http://camels.pbworks.com>

**Ofsted video case study: Practice makes perfect at the Andrew Collinge Training Salon**

Andrew Collinge Graduate Training Salon is producing some of the best young hairdressers in the country. Key to their success has been the use of simulations which, although common in hairdressing, have been utilised particularly well to improve learners' skills, confidence and creativity. Visit EGTV: <http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=317768> on the Excellence Gateway

**Career Learning, Information, Advice and Guidance (CLIAG) new on the Excellence Gateway**

A new section on the Excellence Gateway aims to help staff to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to provide career learning, information, advice and guidance (CLIAG) for learners. The new section offers easy access to a range of useful publications and guidance including continuing professional development materials. It also provides information to help people plan, manage and develop their careers. Visit the CLIAG section of the Excellence Gateway at: <http://www.excellencegateway.org.uk/page.aspx?o=314193>

**JISC Inform issue 30 – Financial Challenges, Digital Opportunities**

<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/inform/inform30/default.aspx>

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