

BDRA international conference - Learning Futures 9-10 January 2007 at the University of Leicester

The 2006 Beyond Distance conference focussed on 'setting the e-learning agenda'. The 2007 conference is firmly focussed on Learning Futures: identifying future trends and learner expectations, and riding the surf to improve learning and teaching. You can book for one or both days via the Staff Development Centre at the University of Leicester: email sdu@le.ac.uk

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A one day conference with keynote addresses and seminars/workshops – and plenty of time to network.

The conference will be opened by Professor Bob Burgess, Vice Chancellor of the University of Leicester and chaired by Professor John Fothergill, Pro Vice Chancellor, Teaching and Learning, University of Leicester

Keynote speakers include:

Susan Clayton, Director, Future Creation, on the future trends likely to influence universities and e-learning

Professor Bob Fryer, National Director of Widening Participation, Department of Health on competency, creativity and technology in the 21st century

Dr Robin Goodfellow, Senior Lecturer, Institute of Technology, the Open University on the impact of emerging Web 2.0 practices on future developments in teaching and learning University of Leicester Student Union present and former Vice Presidents for Education on the student perspective on e-learning

Professor Gilly Salmon, Professor of e-learning and Learning Technologies, positioning the Learning Futures debate You can choose from four strands in the elective discussion groups:

Distance Learning

Futures

Learning design, including CETL experiences Web 2.0 technologies and

approaches with a range of colleagues from Leicester University, other UK and international universities leading off and facilitating the workshops, including Professor Curt Bonk, Indiana University, Dr Dick Ng'Ambi, Cape Town University and Dr Paula de Waal, University of Padua.

Media Zoo launch

The conference will be followed at 5 pm with the champagne launch by the Vice Chancellor of the Media Zoo. You will be able to interact, experiment and experience at first hand some of the 'Technological Wildlife' on offer if you haven't had the chance during the day.

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This day will provide opportunities to showcase briefly your current plans in e-learning research and seek support, collaboration and ideas – and network with others working in the field. Following the successful launch of this approach last year, participants will be invited to submit any short outlines of their research plans in advance and engage with potential collaborators.

In addition, there will be a series of research workshops, including:

IMPALA, the Higher Education Academy project (Informal Mobile Podcasting And Learning Adaptation). IMPALA investigates the impact of Podcasting on student learning and how the beneficial effects can positively be enhanced – there will be several short presentations and demonstrations by IMPALA project partners on their use of integrating podcasts as part of teaching and learning, together with a focussed discussion session on designing for integrating podcasts in higher education and evaluating student learning through podcasts. This will be led by Dr Palitha Edirisingha, Lecturer in e-Learning, University of Leicester

Other workshops will include:

Methodologies for on-line research, led by Dr Taiga Brahm, University of St Gallen, Switzerland

PROWE – the JISC funded Leicester/OU project exploring the ways in which wiki and wiki-type environments be useful and usable as personal and informal repositories to support professional development within part-time tutor communities of practice, led by Roger Dence, Consultant, BDRA, University of Leicester

ADELIE – this project: Advanced Design for e-learning – Institutional Embedding, seeks to make a major change to the quality of student learning through e-, m- and blended learning across a wide range of disciplines and modes, to foster change, development and capability building, and to provide transferable models for the wider HE e-learning community. The workshop will be led by the ADELIE team at the University of Leicester CETL experience at Leicester – the University has three CETLs, in Geography, Genetics and Physics. What has been learnt to date? Led by Dr Annette Cashmore, Director of

CETL/Genie and Sub-Dean of Medical Schools, University of Leicester

'Podcasts and wikis and blogs, Oh my! Online Learning is not in Kansas anymore - types of online courseware systems and pedagogic strategies that are needed today' led by Professor Curt Bonk, Professor of Educational Psychology, Indiana University E-learning and academics, led by Professor David Hawkridge, Emeritus Professor, the Open University