

January 2014 Updates

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This monthly e-newsletter for UCL's E-Learning Champions will alert you to learning technology related events and developments. Please do forward this on to any of your colleagues who may also benefit. All E-Learning Champions have been subscribed to this list and you are welcome to invite others to subscribe for future newsletters using the link at the bottom of this page.

Did you know?

Embedding YouTube clips in to a Moodle course is easy. Short video clips are a great way to add visual interest and dynamic content to your courses and there is now a huge amount of material available on YouTube and similar public 'streaming' sites.



If you have the web address you can always link to an external video using the web link method we saw earlier, but nowadays, many sites like YouTube make it easy to insert (technically 'embed') video directly in your Moodle page by providing 'cut and paste code'.

And because YouTube will take down any videos that breach copyright, you don't need to worry about this side of things.

[Find out how to embed YouTube in Moodle...](#)

The 'disruptive potential' of lecture capture

Over the last two years the Erasmus REC:all project has been looking at the potential of lecture capture both to support conventional teaching, but more importantly to enable and encourage new learning designs such as flipping.

[Watch the video here...](#)

Xerte Friday

Lisa Featherstone walks you through real life examples of Xerte Toolkits integrated into teaching and learning.

Blackboard Collaborate (BbC) is used to deliver the online sessions.

The session link will be emailed to those who have booked approximately 2 days ahead of the session.

[Book on this event...](#)



Moodle to MyPortfolio integration now available!



You can now export Moodle forum posts, assignments, glossary entries and chat sessions into MyPortfolio. This new feature increases the link between the two systems, and will hopefully prove useful. You can find guidance on exporting from Moodle to MyPortfolio in the [FAQ section of the MyPortfolio Resource Centre](#).

[Find out more...](#)

E-Learning Development Grants Update



December marked the halfway point of our e-Learning Development Grant (ELDG) year: we teamed up with CALT and had a showcase and mince pies to celebrate!

A big thank you to Elisabete Cidre and Alexandra Gomes, Alan Parkinson, Antony Makrinos and students, Chris Dillon, Tristan Robinson, Philip Lewis and Chris Blackman for inspiring us all with your insights and ingenuity. Presentation materials and links are in the process of being published as a series of [Showcase posts on the ELDG blog](#).

Check out the [Teaching and Learning Portal](#) for general information about the ELDG scheme or contact j.dewitz@ucl.ac.uk.

Academic Best Practice Sessions in January 2014

Making as a way of learning: Engineering Student Toolkit
1-2pm Monday 6th Jan - Malet Place Engineering Building 1.03

Teaching with Lecture Tools
1-2pm Wednesday 29th Jan - Malet Place Engineering Building 1.03

See more events in the [Teaching and Learning Events Calendar](#).



Next Summits & Horizons session

Strategy into Action: the E-Learning Strategy one year on
13th Jan from 1pm-2pm

Fiona Strawbridge (E-Learning Environments) will discuss how UCL's E-Learning Strategy for 2012-2015 is being implemented, the progress already achieved and some of the challenges ahead.

[Register here...](#)



UCL Teaching & Learning Conference

Proposals for UCL's Annual Teaching and Learning Conference have been extended to January 10.

This conference is a chance for UCL staff to come together from across the diverse disciplines and departments within the university, in order to develop and improve teaching, learning and assessment through collegial dialogue and exchange. CALT are currently accepting proposals on any topic related to teaching and learning from all staff teaching or supporting learning at UCL and co-presentations with UCL students. The conference aims to facilitate scholarly conversations about educational initiatives and practices in the university and what can be learnt from them.

We are particularly keen to encourage submissions related to our key theme: how we can inspire students with research-based education.

[Apply now...](#)

Event: MoodleMoot Edinburgh 2014

14-16th April
[Edinburgh Corn Exchange](#)

Early bird registration has been extended until January 17th 2014.

Getting the opportunity to share your experiences from using Moodle and learning from others are some of the main reasons for attending a MoodleMoot. This year the main theme of the MoodleMoot is the student experience.

The conference will have three strands:

- Active Learning
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Wider Support and Admin

The pre-conference workshops are broken into five strands:

- Badge / Gamification Strand
- Moodle Quiz Strand
- Moodle Developer Strand
- Teaching with Moodle Strand
- Extending Moodle for teaching Strand

Don't miss out! [Register here...](#)

E-Learning Case Study

Canvassing student opinions using a textwall



Dr Paul Walker, Principal School-Facing Teaching Fellow at the Centre for the Advancement of Learning and Teaching (CALT), explains how he uses textwalls and word clouds to quickly gain an impression of students' knowledge or opinions.

[Read more...](#)

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