E-LEARNING CHAMPIONS' NEWSLETTER

Keeping you informed about e-learning at UCL

July 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?

You can send reminders for students to complete work using the Moodle reporting tool. To do this you use the Settings block on your Moodle course page and choose Reports > Course Participation. You can then view all students who have posted their assignment and if you click Select all 'No' you can message (which will also email) all students who have not submitted.

Find out more

Moodle is upgraded!

Moodle upgrade has now been completed. The yearly snapshot for 2013/14 is now available. This snapshot will be retained for a minimum of seven years, full details about the snapshot can be found on the Snapshot page.

Those of you who have been waiting for this to complete so you can commence your course resets may now proceed. Please refer to M26 - Resetting your Moodle course.

Find out more

E-Learning Champions - what next?

We are keen to get your views on how we can develop the UCL e-learning Champions network and e-learning more generally at UCL. We will be running what we hope will be a fun and interesting afternoon session on 17 July. See our blog for more information.

You are warmly invited to attend. We would like to get input from as wide a range of participants as possible. If you can't get along for the whole session, just drop in for a while.

Please sign up of the Eventbrite page

We look forward to seeing you then.

Introducing EduMedia – video producer Dr Mike Howarth's new teaching resource workshop

Video producer Dr Mike Howarth's new teaching resource workshop. "We have the technology, but what can we do with it?" asks Dr Mike Howarth. Find out at his 24 July workshop.

"Cameras, smartphones, tablets, projectors – you name it, these days it's within easy reach," explains Dr Howarth. "But how to use it well to create engaging materials that will genuinely advance students' learning?

Dr Mike Howarth, a former BBC producer with teaching experience now working with CALT, has formulated a new idea called EduMedia. It's essentially a system of harnessing your creativity and the technology we have available to produce really effective teaching resources. He'll explaining the methods he uses in his career and helping people with their own ideas.

Find out more

UCL Forum 16 July 2014 - Book now

UCL E-Learning Environments hope you can join them on 16 July for an opportunity to discuss distance learning, continuous professional development, short courses, life learning, MOOCs, apps and other related topics.

Colleagues will be sharing the latest technical developments, developmental thinking, their course creation stories and champions will be encouraging, or coordinating, their areas of UCL. The aim of the forum is to share and learn from one another as we venture into new or less-trodden paths..

Find out more and book your place via Eventbrite

Introducing Domi Sinclair from ELE

Hello, my name is Domi Sinclair and I am a Learning Technologist working within the Core Services team of E-Learning Environments at UCL. My role involves offering support for Moodle and well as acting as service lead for MyPortfolio, and co-lead for E-Assessment.

Read more...

Changes to Copyright Laws

Some changes to the copyright law came into effect on 1 June, e.g. the education exception (CDPA S36) is expanded to cover most formats and permits uploading of extracts onto a secure network (like Moodle). Further info

There is now also an updated copyright exception to support people with disabilities.

A short online course produced by JISC for academics and supporting staff is available on JISC Legal.

Library Reading Lists

Did you see the recent blog and all the good things students had to say about ReadingLists@UCL?

If that's not enough to encourage you to start on yours now and get ahead of the flow ready for the new term, here's a hard-to-beat offer: there is a little more UCL Library's Teaching & Learning Support Section (TLSS) project time available for inputting new reading lists should you find yourself becoming short of time.
The team are also more than happy to review your lists for you, should you prefer to create your own list then have someone check the links are stable and the resources are in the library. To request a review, 'Publish' your list and you will be given the option to also click 'Request review'.

To make the most of these services please email any new reading lists to readinglists@ucl.ac.uk or click the 'Request review' button within the Reading List system.

Find out more

Level up your e-Learning with an ELDG

The call for applications to our 2014/15 e-Learning Development Grants (ELDGs) scheme is now live. For the first time, we are also inviting innovative project ideas from students, provided the applications are backed by a supervising member of staff. Full details and a link to the application form.

Applications must be emailed to ele@ucl.ac.uk before 5pm on Friday 11th July 2014 in order for your project proposal to be considered. If you would like to discuss your bid idea in advance of submitting your application document, please contact j.dewitz@ucl.ac.uk.

E-Learning Case Study

Dr Elisabete Cidre sees her students as partners. Here's why

Provost's Teaching Award winner Dr Elisabete Cidre invited post-graduate students to create online resources for undergraduates

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