

June 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.

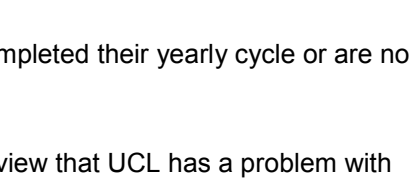
Did you know?

The yearly Moodle archive is taken to enable staff and students to review and reflect on the past content and activities for previous years. It also enables staff to prepare for the following year's Moodle courses, without worrying about writing over any information from the previous year.

This year the Moodle Archive snapshot will be taken on **Friday 4 July 2014**.

[Find out more...](#)

Reset your Moodle courses from Wed July 9th, 2014



This summer all Moodle courses that have completed their yearly cycle or are no longer in use will need to be reset!

It has been identified as part of our Moodle review that UCL has a problem with course resets! (Simply – the majority of course owners are not doing them). This has led to several issues with poorer Moodle performance, licensing issues and problems separating current students from previous cohorts when communicating with them via Moodle and collecting assessments electronically.

What E-Learning Environments are doing about it

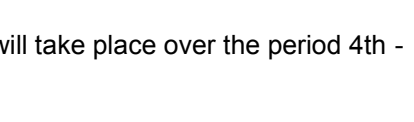
1) A series of email reminders will be sent out after the Moodle 2.6 Upgrade on a weekly basis to all members of the Moodle designers list.

2) If we do not see the required activity of course resets taking place in the month following the emails we will begin contacting course owners directly, starting with those largest cohorts and oldest enrolled students.

Remember please do not do reset your course until after the snap shot on the 4th July unless your Moodle course has not been used since the previous snap shot in June 2013, otherwise you will lose this data.

[Find out how to do a course reset...](#)

Update on the Moodle 2.6 upgrade



A quick reminder that that the Moodle upgrade will take place over the period 4th - 9th July - that is only a month away now.

The latest changes to the theme for Moodle 2.6 have been applied to the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) instance.

Please have a look at your course/s in the theme.

If you do notice anything you would like to report, please check the FAQ list and the release notes with the link above, to see if your issue hasn't already been logged.

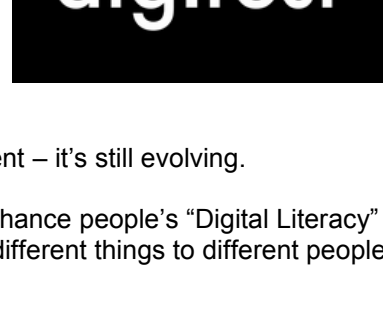
All feedback to ele@ucl.ac.uk

[Find out more...](#)

DigiFest - get involved now!

"DigiFest" is running for a week from the 10th to 14th November.

We are looking for ideas and session submissions (workshops, hacks, discussions, demos) on "digital things".

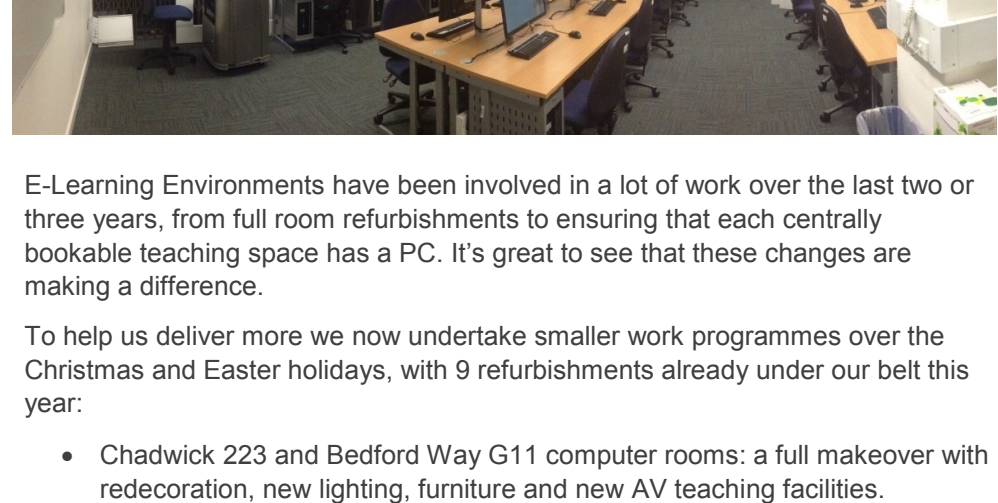


Digital things? Yes, it's a bit vague at the moment – it's still evolving.

One of the underlying aims of the event is to enhance people's "Digital Literacy" skills. But the term is controversial and means different things to different people. What does "Digital Literacy" mean to you?

[Find out how to get involved...](#)

Learning and teaching spaces update



E-Learning Environments have been involved in a lot of work over the last two or three years, from full room refurbishments to ensuring that each centrally bookable teaching space has a PC. It's great to see that these changes are making a difference.

To help us deliver more we now undertake smaller work programmes over the Christmas and Easter holidays, with 9 refurbishments already under our belt this year:

- Chadwick 223 and Bedford Way G11 computer rooms: a full makeover with redecoration, new lighting, furniture and new AV teaching facilities.
- Gordon House 106: new AV teaching facilities (including its first ever network point!).
- Foster Court 112/113/114/124 and 14 Taviton 534 and 535: new AV teaching facilities.

[Read more here...](#)

Start of Term checklist

Before the start of the term there are some things you should do in Moodle to ensure everything is up to date and ready to go for your new cohort of students. E-Learning Environments have developed this list based on feedback from students. This checklist outlines things you should have in place before making your Moodle area available to students.

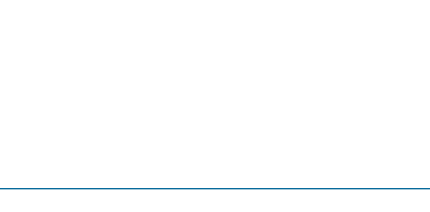


This is a must-read for all editors on Moodle!!

[Read more...](#)

New Copyright Laws come in to place on 1st June 2014

Most of the updated copyright exceptions completed their Parliamentary process in May and are due to become law on 1st June. Unfortunately, the Private Copying exception and the new Quotation and Parody exceptions have been delayed for further scrutiny, but this does not necessarily mean they will be lost, it may be just a temporary delay.



[Read more...](#)

Digital Literacies SIG meeting - 26 June 2014

The next digital literacies special interest group meeting will be held on 26 June 2014 from 1-2pm in room 316, Bedford Way. We will be providing an update on digital literacy initiatives at UCL and discussing the upcoming [digifest](#) and how the group can contribute to this.

If you would like to sign up to this Special Interest Group please join the group by subscribing to the forum on the E-Learning Champions Moodle course. Please forward this invite to any interested colleagues.

[Sign up to the SIG here...](#)

Collaborative design workshop - 17 July 2014

What does e-learning look like in UCL from your perspective? What is working really well? What isn't happening? What frustrates you as an E-Learning Champion? What are you particularly proud of?

Following on from the recent [UCL E-Learning Champions Summits and Horizons event](#), this session on the afternoon of **Thursday 17 July** is designed to capture the views and opinions of UCL E-Learning Champion in order to baseline where we are now and to generate insights into what the next phase of e-learning at UCL should look like.

Watch out for an invite via the [E-Learning Champions Moodle forum](#) later this week.

[Find out more here...](#)

UCL Teaching & Learning Exchange



The Teaching and Learning Exchange events are taking a break and will be back with you next year. If you missed any during the year you can find out more about them below.

[View the archive here...](#)

Upcoming Summits & Horizons sessions

What you will be using in five years time

9th June 2014 from 1pm-2pm

A panel of experts will review the predictions presented in the 2014 Horizons Report, which identifies emerging technologies and their 'time to adoption' horizons of a year or less, two to three years, and four to five years. We'll finish by taking a light hearted look at what the 2009 Horizons Report predicted we'd all be using in 2014!

Sessions include a sandwich lunch.

[Register here...](#)



JISC RSC LONDON'S E-FACTOR 2014

9:00 - 17:30 Wednesday, 25 June 2014

University of London

This is Jisc RSC London's fourth e-Factor end of year event and once again we are meeting in the lovely Senate House.

The theme for 2014 is all about learning and teaching and we can promise a day of inspiring showcases from practitioners and learners together with a supplier exhibition that will highlight how technology is being used to enhance and support learning and teaching in the region.

As usual this event will also offer plenty of opportunity to catch up with old friends and colleagues and meet new ones.

[Find out more...](#)

E-Learning Case Study

Would a student travel 270 miles to write an essay? How video assignments can boost student engagement

Professor Marcos Martinon-Torres, UCL Archaeology, presents an experiment in video that can easily be transferred to any discipline.

[Read more...](#)

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