

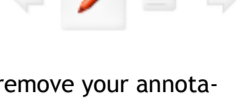
July 2013 Updates

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This monthly e-newsletter for UCL's E-Learning Champions will alert you to learning technology related developments and upcoming events. 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 email.

Did you know?

In Microsoft PowerPoint you can draw, annotate, highlight and enable a pointer for gesturing to certain parts of the slide.



When you complete the presentation you can choose to either keep or remove your annotations.

So next time you're presenting using PowerPoint look in the bottom, left of the screen for the greyed out annotation tools.

[Find out more ...](#)

E-Learning Development Grants (ELDG)

E-Learning Development Grants (ELDG) are now underway. Thank you to those who attended the event on 26th June for past and current project holders. This event celebrated last year's submissions and the start of this year's projects.

If you have yet to arrange a meeting with your mentor in E-Learning Environments, please do get in touch with them to arrange this or contact ele@ucl.ac.uk for further information.

[Read about the projects for 2013 ...](#)

researchED 2013

A national conference for teachers, researchers, and anyone interested in evidence-based education.

Saturday, 7 September 2013
10:00 to 16:30

Dulwich College
SE21 7LD London
United Kingdom

Find out more and register here:

researched2013.eventbrite.co.uk

Sign up for the Institute of Making—FREE until September

Become a member and join UCL's creative space for materials research and making of all kinds. Annual membership is open to all current UCL students and staff members, from undergrads to PhDs, associate researchers, professors, administrators and technicians, studying or working in any of the many departments at UCL. If you have an ID card, you can join.

[Find out more ...](#)



ISD Student Desktop upgrade (Summer 2013)

ISD will be upgrading the current Myriad and Cluster WTS 2000 desktop services in Learning and Teaching spaces, to the new desktop service, Desktop@UCL over the summer. This includes desktops located in centrally (ISD managed) cluster rooms, Halls of Residences and Lecture Theatres. Full details of the rollout and the changes to expect, can be found at: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/isd/community/projects/ucl-desktop/summer_rollout

An important part of the project is to ensure that all the software has been suitably tested and signed off by users in the UCL community. Therefore, ISD needs your assistance and advice in identifying the following:

1. What software your students require throughout the Academic year?
2. What software will be required for Term 1?
3. Can you help test the required software is functioning correctly and meets your teaching needs for the new academic year?

We appreciate this is a busy time of year and you may not be able to help test software directly. Instead, you may be able to help by providing teaching materials that ISD can use to test the software for you.

If you could please send Aaron Crompton an email answering the above questions via the following Desktop Project Team email address ucldesktop@ucl.ac.uk. Aaron will then be in touch to discuss this further with you.

Moodle Tip of the Month: iCal calendar imports

UCL Moodle was upgraded to Moodle version 2.4 in mid June 2013. One new feature is the ability to import calendars from other systems, such as Google calendar.

This is done using the subscription button at the bottom of the calendar in your course. The easiest way to access your course calendar is to add the Calendar block and click on the month to view your calendar.

You will need to know the iCal feed link (ending in .ics) to import the calendar.

[Find out more ...](#)



Which areas of teaching would you like to know more about?

A series of short, 'how to'-style videos is being created for the Teaching and Learning Portal and UCL staff have the opportunity to influence the subjects these cover through a brief survey which also offers the chance to win a £50 John Lewis voucher*.

Whether you want to know more about assessment methods or how to encourage quieter students to speak up in class, you have the opportunity to share these thoughts via a mini-survey that should take less than a minute to complete.

[Complete the survey now](#)

*Only members of UCL staff will be eligible to win the voucher. The competition closes at midnight on July 31 2013.

Moodle archive & upgrade for 2014

This is your chance to help us choose the best Moodle archive/upgrade period for next year.

Please complete a short survey, so the E-Learning Core Services Team can determine the best date and time to run these in 2014.

[Complete the survey now ...](#)

If your course is finished, you can now reset it in UCL Moodle.

[View Moodle Reset instructions ...](#)



E-Learning Case Study

Making an existing course online-only and assessing by portfolio

Dr Jolene Skordis-Worrall and Dr Hassan Hagparast-Bidgoli explain the challenges and triumphs they encountered when turning one of their existing modules into an online-only, Moodle-based course.

[Find out more ...](#)

[Sign up to the UCL Teaching and Learning newsletter](#) to read news, features, practical information and a column by the Vice-Provost (Education).

Flipping with Tracey Tokuhamo-Espinosa



What should be made of the assertion that somebody has or hasn't got a 'maths brain'? Or that your ability to acquire a new language is limited by age?

Research in neuroscience and psychology is growing fast - yet new findings surface in the media, most educators outside those fields find it hard to judge their validity, make sense of them in relation to other findings, or put them into practice.

A new field has recently emerged dedicated to this task of synthesis, known as Mind, Brain and Education Science (MBE). MBE is an established course of study at several institutions across the world - at [Harvard](#) it is available as undergraduate module, Masters programme and doctoral concentration.

The field has a dedicated journal, [Mind, Brain and Education](#), and a professional body with the admittedly inauspicious name of [IMBES](#).

This summer, facilitated by one of Ecuador's leaders in MBE, [Tracey Tokuhamo-Espinosa](#), UCL explored the intersection of MBE and lecture flipping. Tracey's visit as a [UCL International Teaching Excellence Bursary](#) recipient was centred on a workshop which yielded:

- a [Moodle area containing resources](#) on flipping including scientific rationale, examples, activity designs and a bibliography
- an evaluation framework for videos
- a report from Tracey to guide future work on flipping at UCL.

You can read a [more in-depth discussion of Tracey's visit](#) on the ELE blog.

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