

August 2014 Updates

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This monthly e-newsletter for UCL's E-Learning Champions brings you learning technology related events and developments. Please do forward this on to interested colleagues. 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.

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A festival of digital stuff for and by UCL students and staff together. We'll have everything from building your own game, to exploring creative commons and its use in education to discussing the role of social media in 21st century activism.



We've even got plans to park a London bus in the quad and use it as a venue! We'd love as students and staff as possible so do have a look at our [website](#), tell your department all about us, or come and [meet us for a coffee](#) have a chat.

Congratulations to E-Learning Development Grant Winners 2014-15!

[List of winners and projects](#)

Did you know?

Last year Tracey Tokuhama Espinosa, a visiting Teaching Excellence Bursary recipient worked with UCL staff to produce a rubric for evaluating educational video - including video produced for flipping the classroom. You can find this, along with many useful flipping resources, on [Tracey's UCL Moodle area](#).

Contribute to the learning analytics agenda

Jisc are consulting on solutions to address the Learner Analytics Challenge (see <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/research/funding>) and have collated a long list of possible solutions from interviews with several key stakeholders.

Jisc would welcome your help to prioritise the possible solutions. This list will be used to develop projects to address the challenge and meet your needs over the next two years.

Please have a look at <http://analytics.ideascale.com/> for further details, register your interest and vote for the solutions you feel are a priority, comment on the solutions and you can also suggest new solutions around Learner Analytics. The site will remain open until the end of September.

If you want to contact Jisc directly please email Paul Bailey p.bailey@jisc.ac.uk



MyPortfolio Upgrade 12.08.14

MyPortfolio will be unavailable on Tuesday 12th August from 8 AM to 10 AM whilst we carry out a routine upgrade. For details about this service improvement please check the [E-Learning Environments blog](#).

All times are for the UK (GMT or BST), for other locations please convert:

<http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/converter.html>

Regards,

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eXtend your learning, with UCLeXtend

[UCLeXtend](#) is UCL's public-facing e-learning environment. After a year of running as a pilot we are pleased to announce that on August 1st we relaunched with a new look and feel and a lot more functionality. UCLeXtend has been designed to provide a space for anyone to find a UCL course, register, pay (optional) and gain access to a Moodle-based learning environment. Types of courses include CPD, short courses, Executive Education, taster modules and much more.



Feel free to take a look or to find out more on the internal resource [UCLeXtend 101 - a space which covers all about UCLeXtend](#), what it is suitable for and how to get started, or contact us (extend@ucl.ac.uk).

From two MOOCs conferences at UCL

This summer brought two conferences on MOOCs to UCL.

MOOCs - Which Way now?

Association for Learning Technology Special Interest Group on MOOCs conference, 27th June 2014

[Programme and session recordings are available](#). Presenter Jenny Mackness commented, "All the sessions I attended were interesting and thought provoking and there was a very good atmosphere – relaxed and friendly, but intent on discussing the issues."



MOOCs, e-learning and beyond: Exploring the future of virtual built environment teaching

Bartlett Pedagogy conference, 1st July 2014

[Session recordings and other materials are available.](#) “This exciting conference brought together over 70 participants from across the UK, Europe, Australia and the US, both professionals interested in E-learning and MOOCs and architects/built environment teaching staff interested in the future of pedagogy”. Although the focus was on built environment teaching and learning, participants saw a wide range of interesting and often inspirational ideas that will be of interest to everyone who teaches and is interested in the future of learning.

Want to live stream your event?



Many of the Lecturecast-enabled UCL spaces are now set up to stream (broadcast live) lectures.

Before we promote this to the UCL community, E-Learning Environments need to scope support needs. To this end we are inviting a number (5-10) interested academics to undertake a small preliminary study, using live streaming in addition to recording their lectures.

If you are interested in taking part in this study or want to find out more, visit the [Lecturecast streaming preliminary study](#).

Call for App ideas!

Several of UCL's Undergraduate and Masters courses at the Department of Computer Science have a focus on app development for industry and for faculties across all of UCL. This includes mobile and cloud applications.



These courses have team of 2-3 students who work closely on a consulting learning experience with their clients (you). The Department of Computer Science have successfully run this for several years in a row, with sponsorships from Microsoft, Google and other companies. [Find out more...](#)

Events

Getting started with Moodle

- 7th August 10.00-13.00
- 3rd September 14.00-17.00

An introduction to Lecturecast

- 19th August 10.00-13.00
- 16th September 14.00-16.00

Book us!

Would you like to arrange a learning technology event with a group in your department? Run it by your E-Learning Champions and then get in touch with your school's E-Learning

E-Learning Case Study

What I wish I knew before I flipped my lecture



Dr Helen Wilson's flipped lecture saw marks leap by seven percent. Benefit from her experience in [eight steps](#). For more of these along with news, features, practical information and a column by the Vice-Provost (Education), [sign up to the UCL Teaching and Learning newsletter](#).

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