

17 August 2009



Dear ALT-C participant,

Thank you for booking to attend **ALT-C 2009**. The Association for Learning Technology and the Conference Programme Committee look forward to welcoming you to the University of Manchester for a challenging and exciting conference. **Please keep this letter safe and bring it with you when you register.**

Joining instructions are as follows:

Directions to University Place, Manchester by air, rail, bus and road are included with this letter. Please also find enclosed a map of Manchester's city centre as well as a University campus map. Local **taxis** may be ordered from Radio Cars, +44 (0)161 236 8033 and Yellow Cars, +44 (0)161 228 3355. The journey from Manchester Piccadilly Train Station takes around 20 minutes by taxi and typically costs between £5 and £6.

The **conference programme**, and **planning which sessions to attend**. When you booked on line, we gave you the option of receiving both the **ALT-C Abstracts Handbook** and the **Conference Proceedings** with your printed joining instructions. If you requested these publications to be posted to you before the conference, please find these enclosed. By sending these to you now you will have plenty of time in advance of ALT-C to plan which sessions you would like to attend. If you didn't select this option, we will give you copies of both handbooks when you register. We will also give you a copy of the Programme Guide, and a USB memory stick (sponsored by EduApps) containing the Handbook and the Proceedings, along with a wide range of open source and freeware educational software. To plan your attendance at the conference, please refer to the web-based version of the full conference programme on the ALT website at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009/timetable.html>, and/or to the interactive version of the programme at <http://altc2009.alt.ac.uk/>.

You will be able to **register** on Monday 7 September between 14.00 and 18.00 at the Registration Desks **inside University Place**. As you approach the main entrance of University Place, as shown in the map enclosed, please follow the signs for registration. We strongly encourage all those arriving on Monday to register on Monday to avoid having to queue to register on Tuesday morning. For the remainder of the conference the registration desks will be open from 8.30 to 17.00 (12.00 on Thursday 10 September). During registration you will be provided with a delegate badge, the Programme Guide, an addendum sheet showing any late changes, and a final version of the conference timetable. Please wear your badge at all times during the conference to avoid security staff approaching you to clarify whether you are a delegate. The **Conference Helpdesk** and the **IT Helpdesk** are located in the exhibition area. **Conference Assistants** will be available to help. Recognise them by their white "ALT-C 2009" T-shirts with "Can I help?" printed on the back.

If you need to contact a member of the ALT staff team during the conference ring the Conference Helpdesk on +44 (0) 161 306 4098. On a side note, we have enlisted the help of the St John's Ambulance to be present for the duration of the conference.

A **cloakroom** is available adjacent to Registration near the main entrance of University Place. It will be staffed as follows:

Monday 7 September	12.00 – 18.00
Tuesday 8 September	8.30 – 18.00
Wednesday 9 September	8.30 – 18.00
Thursday 10 September	8.30 – 14.00

You may leave your **luggage** at the cloakroom during the conference and you will be issued with a ticket. Please collect items at least ten minutes before closing time. All luggage must be collected before 14.00 on Thursday. NB. An overflow cloakroom will be available on the Thursday inside the catering area (Please see the map enclosed). **Use of the cloakroom is at your own risk. Please do not leave valuables or laptops.**

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Central Executive Committee: Liz Bennett, Gayle Calverley, Linda Creanor, Cathy Ellis, Carol Higgison, Dick Moore, John Phelps, Fred Pickering, Steve Ryan, Nicola Whitton.

ALT Ambassadors*: Dame Wendy Hall DBE FREng FRS, Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton; Terry Mayes, Emeritus Professor at Glasgow Caledonian University; John Taylor, leader of the FE Self Regulation Implementation Team.

* Ambassadors provide informal advice to ALT on matters within their area of interest, and act as advocates for ALT.

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All **food and refreshment** during the day is included in the cost of registration and for those staying in halls of residence breakfast is also included. Breakfast will be served from 7.30 as specified in the section detailing accommodation. There is a choice of a continental or a full English breakfast. In the scheduled breaks tea, coffee, water, biscuits and fruit will be available in exhibition and catering areas. A varied menu for lunch will be served in these areas, with seating provided.

Social Events you have selected will be confirmed in your personalised set of postal instructions.

If you are a new individual member of ALT, you will shortly receive by email an invitation to attend the New Members' Reception on Tuesday evening in Room 5.206 at 18.15, sponsored by Routledge Taylor and Francis.

Tickets for each social event you have booked will be issued with your delegate badge when you register.

Special **dietary requirements** have been catered for according to the information given when you booked your place at the conference. If you have requested a special diet, please make yourself known to the serving staff each time.

Accommodation, if reserved at time of online booking, will be confirmed in your personalised set of postal instructions. You may **check into your hall of residence from 14.00** on the morning of arrival. If you arrive earlier you can leave luggage at the cloakroom located at University Place until your room becomes available. Please **check out of your room and return your key to the hall office/reception before 9.30** on the morning of your departure.

If you are staying at Weston Halls (an approximate 10 minute walk to University Place) **check-in** is available 24 hours from inside the Days Hotel. If you have booked University Place Halls (via the George Kenyon building) and arrive after 21.00, you will need to ring the Duty Tutor. Just outside the George Kenyon reception there is a yellow telephone box – this links you directly.

In the event of any serious problems or for emergencies, please contact University of Manchester Security Lodge on +44 (0)161 275 2728.

Breakfast for residents in University Place, George Kenyon Halls will be available from 7.30 in the main Catering area in University Place. (When you check in you will be given breakfast vouchers for the duration of your stay.) Weston Hall residents' breakfast will be served at the Days Hotel and will be confirmed at time of check-in.

University Place is **wireless** enabled. When you register, we will supply you with an individual wireless network login and password, at no additional charge, for the duration of the conference. Technical assistance will be available from the IT Helpdesk located in the exhibition area. For residential delegates the fixed line Internet connection in bedrooms is free, with an ethernet data cable supplied in the room as standard.

An internet café is available to all delegates throughout the conference in the George Kenyon building (see the map enclosed), open 9.00 – 20.00 each day.

Last year over 400 delegates made successful use of the conference networking service **CrowdVine**. We strongly encourage all delegates to create an account on CrowdVine this year at <http://altc2009.alt.ac.uk/>. Use of CrowdVine should enhance your participation in the conference. In particular, from 24 August onwards (and probably sooner – we will announce this by email) you will be able to create an individualised conference schedule, find out which sessions friends and colleagues are attending, establish communication with other conference participants, and easily arrange to meet them during the conference.

Finally, a word about **conference evaluation**. This year we will evaluate the conference in part by using a short online questionnaire. We will send you the URL for this in one of our pre- and post-conference emails. Please be on the lookout for it.

On behalf of ALT's Trustees, the Conference Programme Committee, and the whole conference team, I wish you a safe journey to Manchester and an enjoyable and rewarding conference.

Yours sincerely



Hayley Willis
Head of Conferences and Events
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ALT-C 2009: "*In dreams begins responsibility*" - choice, evidence, and change

Travelling Arrangements

Manchester is one of the UK's largest and busiest cities, in the North-West of England and linked by road, rail and air to every major destination in the rest of the UK and Ireland.

ALT-C 2009 will be held at University Place on the University of Manchester's Oxford Road campus.

By train

Manchester is served by two rail stations: Oxford Road and Piccadilly Station. University Place is very near to both (see campus map). By rail, it takes just over two hours from London to get to Manchester, three and a half hours from Edinburgh (with a change), approximately three hours from Cardiff and an hour and a half from Birmingham:

National Rail - www.nationalrail.co.uk/.

The Trainline – www.thetrainline.com.

By air

Manchester International Airport (MAN) handles a huge amount of national and international air traffic. From the airport trains to the city centre run every 15 minutes into Piccadilly train station; the average journey time is 20 minutes. Alternatively you can jump into a taxi to the city centre which costs less than £20.

By car

Manchester's ring road connects Manchester to motorways north, south, east and west. By road, take the M62 or the M6 to get to Manchester. The M62 is joined by the A1 (North) and the M1 (South) from the East side of the country, whilst the M6 runs both North and South of Lancashire on the UK's West side.

For SatNav users, the postcode is M13 9PL.

The nearest car park, at cost, is indicated on the map at Booth Street West.

By bus

Manchester has a free bus service operating three routes - green, orange and purple - around the city centre. Metroshuttle operates from 0700 - 1900 Monday to Saturday and 1000 - 1800 on Sundays approximately every 10 minutes taking visitors from car parks, stations and tram stops around the city centre's main attractions.

Further information - www.gmppte.com/.



1. University Place
2. University Place Halls, George Kenyon Building and Internet Cafe
3. Kilburn Building
4. Weston Halls
5. Castlefield Rooms (Tuesday night social)
6. Manchester Town Hall
7. Arora International
8. Atrium by Bridge Street
9. Britannia Hotel
10. City Inn
11. Radisson Edwardian
12. The Place Hotel
13. Novotal Manchester Centre

- A. Piccadilly Station
- B. Oxford Road Station



Map of Manchester



1. University Place
2. University Place Halls, George Kenyon Building
3. Internet Cafe
4. Kilburn Building
5. Weston Halls

- A. Piccadilly Station
- B. Oxford Road Station

- Nearest bus stops
- Bus route
- Walking route



Campus Map

Tuesday 8th September

09.00	Introduction (Co-Chairs) and welcome by University of Manchester, <i>Main Lecture Theatre (MLT)</i>									
09.25	Keynote 1: Michael Wesch, <i>MLT</i>									
10.25	Refreshments									
10.55	Redesigning user centred learning 2 Demonstrations (0214, 0225) <i>Kilburn Room (KR)</i>	Research culture, evidence 3 Short Papers (0151, 0175, 0241) <i>Rm 1.218</i>	Institutional lessons from history 3 Short Papers (0182, 0281, 0321) <i>Rm 4.204</i>	Find out about CMALT Publish with ALT <i>Rm 3.204</i>	Redesigning design 3 Short Papers (0078, 0179, 0219) <i>Rm 4.205</i>	Staff skills 3 Short Papers (0020, 0034, 0068) <i>Rm 4.206</i>	Spreading curriculum innovation 3 Short Papers (0047, 0102, 0124) <i>Rm 2.219</i>	Invited speakers Aaron Porter, Richard Noss <i>MLT</i>	Infrastructure innovation 3 Short Papers (0237, 0126, 0234) <i>Rm 1.219</i>	
11.55	Shuffle time									
12.00	Redesigning institutional processes 2 Short Papers (0111, 0285) <i>Rm 4.205</i>	Cost effectiveness tools 2 Short Papers (0059, 0202) <i>Rm 2.219</i>	Future dreams 2 Short Papers (0117, 0243) <i>Rm 1.218</i>	Quality procedure Innovation 2 Short Papers (0215, 0309) <i>Rm 4.204</i>	Active learning 2 Short Papers (0229, 0268) <i>Rm 2.218</i>	More staff skills Long Paper (0291) <i>Rm 4.206</i>	The Voice of ALT; Results of the membership survey 2008/9 <i>Rm 3.204</i>	E-teacher training 2 Short Papers (0052, 0262) <i>MLT</i>	Technology enhanced feed-forward Research Paper (0207) <i>Rm 1.219</i>	
12.40	Lunch, ALT Open Access Repository Launch									
13.40	Enhancing student experiences 4 Short Papers (0065, 0245, 0261, 0263) <i>Rm 2.218</i>	The VLE is dead Symposium (0286) <i>Rm 1.218</i>	Turn on, tune in, and listen to this Workshop (0244) <i>Rm 1.219</i>	VLEs and design 3 Short Papers (0132, 0169, 0279) <i>Rm 2.219</i>	Collaborative learning in a free world Workshop (0220) <i>MLT</i>	Semantic technologies in education Workshop (0255) <i>Rm 4.204</i>	Herding institutional stakeholders Symposium (0290) <i>Rm 4.206</i>	The agenda of research culture 4 Short Papers (0049, 0168, 0192, 0270) <i>Rm 4.205</i>	Building online communities Workshop (0048) <i>KR</i>	
15.00	Shuffle time									
15.05	e-Portfolios Demonstration (0033) <i>KR</i>	Lessons from student experiences Short Paper (0123) <i>Rm 4.206</i>	Technology dream vs teacher reality Short Paper (0292) <i>Rm 4.204</i>	Introducing the ALT Open Access Repository <i>Rm 3.204</i>	Virtual midwifery Short Paper (0183) <i>Rm 4.205</i>	More VLEs and design Short Paper (0306) <i>Rm 2.219</i>	All hands on deck Research Paper (0178) <i>Rm 1.219</i>	Invited speaker Vanessa Pittard <i>MLT</i>	Cost effective design Short Paper (0315) <i>Rm 1.218</i>	
15.30	Refreshments									
16.00	Wimba presentation <i>Rm 4.204</i>	Becta presentation <i>Rm 1.218</i>	Higher Education Academy presentation <i>Rm 4.206</i>		Desire2Learn presentation <i>Rm 3.204</i>	Illuminate presentation <i>Rm 4.205</i>			Jorum Learning & Teaching Competition presentations <i>MLT (15.45 start)</i>	
16.40	Shuffle time									
16.45	Reverse mentoring Workshop (0143) <i>Rm 4.204</i>	OERs matters Symposium (0074) <i>Rm 4.205</i>	Teaching with Twitter Workshop (0064) <i>Rm 1.219</i>	CRS use for fieldwork Workshop (0029) <i>Rm 1.218</i>	Talis Open Education Incubator <i>Rm 3.204</i>	Shared lessons through effective modelling Workshop (0095) <i>Rm 2.218</i>	Collaborative observation online Workshop (0085) <i>Rm 2.219</i>	Beyond multiple choice questions Workshop (0012) <i>KR</i>	Frameworks for developing digitally literacy Workshop (0318) <i>Rm 4.206</i>	
18.15	Reception for new members									
19.20	Evening entertainment									

Wednesday 9th September

09.00	Cognitive mapping as a research method Workshop (0280) KR	Second Life processes 3 Short Papers (0248, 0300, 0317) Rm 4.204	Active learning with mobile and web 2.0 Workshop (0297) Rm 1.218	Pedagogic innovation 4 Short Papers (0119, 0125, 0271, 0203) Rm 4.205	Realising dreams, avoiding nightmares Workshop (0113) Rm 1.219	Institutional change Symposium (0195) Rm 2.218	Curriculum challenges Symposium (0196) Rm 4.206	Redesigning pedagogy 4 Short Papers (0060, 0190, 0260, 0308) Rm 3.204	Its still a Web 2.0 world out there Workshop (0221) MLT
10.20	Refreshments								
10.50	Redesigning administrative systems 3 Short Papers (0081, 0164, 0310) Rm 4.206	Student focus 3 Short Papers (0067, 0213, 0232) Rm 4.204	Redesigning teaching 2 demonstrations (0153, 0188) Rm 1.218	New experiences 3 Short Papers (0127, 0201, 0216) Rm 3.204	Methodological innovation 3 Short Papers (0185, 0199, 0284) Rm 2.218	Visual redesign 3 Short papers (0155, 0163, 0313) Rm 2.219	Learning innovation 2 Research Papers (0114, 0299) Rm 4.205	Invited speakers Jonathan Drori, David Price MLT	Learner technology 2 Demonstrations (0101, 0238) Rm 1.219
11.50	Shuffle time								
11.55	Keynote 2: Martin Bean, MLT								
12.50	Lunch, (Martin Bean meets Open University staff at ALT-C) POSTERS (0022, 0028, 0038, 0040, 0051, 0066, 0069, 0071, 0073, 0079, 0082, 0093, 0098, 0105, 0108, 0118, 0122, 0133, 0135, 0138, 0147, 0148, 0160, 0167, 0170, 0186, 0191, 0209, 0217, 0228, 0235, 0239, 0247, 0249, 0250, 0254, 0272, 0273, 0277, 0301, 0303, 0307)								
13.55	Tools for building research culture 3 Short Papers (0039, 0162, 0296) Rm 4.206	Simulation demonstrations 2 Demonstrations (0137, 0145) Rm 4.205	More institutional history lessons 3 Short Papers (0258, 0294, 0314) Rm 4.204	Curriculum redesign 3 Short Papers (0116, 0259, 0312) Rm 2.218	Innovative technology 2 Demonstrations (0027, 0037) Rm 1.218	Second Life technologies 3 Short Papers (0075, 0206, 0251) Rm 2.219	Invited speakers Heather Fry, Diana Laurillard MLT	Student engagement 3 Short Papers (0016, 0018, 0057) Rm 1.219	Assessment innovation 3 Short Papers (0090, 0094, 0131) Rm 3.204
14.55	Refreshments, ALT Annual General Meeting including elections								
15.45	Redesigning design Research Paper (0031) Rm 4.204	Students and wikis Short Paper (0240) MLT	Redesigning discipline learning 2 Short Papers (0058, 0072) Rm 4.206	Redesigning assessment 2 Short Papers (0218, 0305) Rm 3.204	Spreading resources 2 Short Papers (0172, 0276) Rm 2.218	Spreading institutional innovation 2 Short Papers (0035, 0112) Rm 2.219	Spreading virtuality 2 Short Papers (0171, 0194) Rm 1.218	Infrastructure technologies 2 Short Papers (0092, 0152) Rm 1.219	Redesigning technology 2 Short Papers (0181, 0211) Rm 4.205
16.25	Shuffle time								
16.30	EduApps presentation Rm 1.218	Blackboard presentation Rm 4.204		Huddle presentation Rm 4.205			Ufi / LearnDirect presentation Rm 3.204		Epigeum Video Awards presentations MLT
17.10									
18.30	Evening entertainment								

Thursday 10th September

09.00	e-Learning sustainability Symposium (0176) Rm 3.204	Inclusive blended learning design in HE Workshop (0236) Rm 2.219	Immersive games Symposium (0231) Rm 4.206	Please help me study Workshop (0274) KR	New learner systems 4 Short Papers (0062, 0063, 0141, 0257) Rm 4.205	Curriculum redesign Symposium (0061) Rm 2.218	Choice and change in OER Workshop (0282) Rm 1.218	Online identity Workshop (0208) Rm 1.219	Learner support technologies Research Paper (0288) 2 Short Papers (0076, 0161) MLT
10.20	Refreshments								
10.50	Research in learner experience 2 Research Papers (0055, 0084) Rm 4.206	Introducing the ALT Open Access Repository Find out about CMALT Rm 3.204	More tales of VLEs 3 Short Papers (0278, 0289, 0322) Rm 4.205	Redesigning systems 2 Demonstrations (0050, 0283) KR	Student experiences 3 Short Papers (0142, 0154, 0304) Rm 4.204	Staff development redesign 3 Short Papers (0177, 0204, 0222) Rm 2.218	Peer support 3 Short Papers (0106, 0193, 0298) Rm 2.219	Invited speakers Matthew McFall, David Kennedy MLT	Blog innovation 2 Short Papers (0036, 0103) Rm 1.218
11.50	Shuffle time								
11.55	Keynote 3: Terry Anderson, MLT								
13.05	Closing remarks and preview of ALT-C 2010, MLT								
13.20	Lunch								
14.00	Central Executive meeting, Rm 3.204								