



## **ALT 2010 Learning Technologist of the Year Award – up to 12 prizes to be won by teams and individuals**

Are you or do you know someone or a team who is outstanding in using technology to support learning? If so why not enter (or encourage them to enter) for the **2010 Learning Technologist of the Year Award**?

The Award's overall purpose is to *celebrate and reward excellent practice and outstanding achievement in the learning technology<sup>1</sup> field.*

The 2010 award will be run in two distinct streams:

- **Stream One** is open to all ordinary and certified members of ALT, and to individuals and teams based in ALT member organisations<sup>2</sup> anywhere (this stream is sponsored by Desire2Learn Incorporated, a provider of eLearning solutions worldwide);
- **Stream Two** is open to individuals and teams employed in Department for Education funded learning providers in England (this stream is sponsored by VITAL, a professional development programme which aims to support schools in England to make the most of ICT in their teaching).

The award will be judged by a panel chaired by Steve Ryan, President of ALT, and will be presented in Nottingham at the 2010 ALT Conference on the evening of 8 September 2010, during the Conference Gala Dinner.

In each Stream, first, second and third prizes will be available in each of two categories: individual, and team, as follows: 1st prize £1000; 2nd prize £600; 3rd prize £300<sup>3</sup>.

The closing date for entries is **Thursday 10 June 2010**. Face-to-face interviews of short-listed entrants will take place in late June (probably on 21 June) or during week beginning 10 July. Applicants will be informed, if invited for interview, by email on **17 June**.

Entries will be judged (from the completed entry form, and, if short-listed, at interview) on the basis of evidence summarised against in the following 4 areas:

*A. A clear description of the actions and roles taken to develop and support the achievement. Individual entrants should indicate any substantial involvement of others in the achievement. Team entries should indicate the nature of the team, including who actually did what.*

*B. Clear, credible, statement of individual or team approach to the technological, and/or methodological, and/or managerial, and/or teaching and learning choices made by the applicant (individual or team), during the period covered by the application<sup>4</sup>.*

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<sup>1</sup> ALT defines learning technology as the broad range of communication, information and related technologies that can be used to support learning, teaching, and assessment. Learning technologists (irrespective of job title) are people who are actively involved in managing, researching, supporting or enabling learning with the use of learning technology.

<sup>2</sup> ALT member organisations are listed at [http://www.alt.ac.uk/corporate\\_members.php](http://www.alt.ac.uk/corporate_members.php).

<sup>3</sup> ALT reserves the right only to award one prize, or none, in any of the individual or team categories. The judging panel's decisions will be final.

<sup>4</sup> Though there is no prescribed period, ALT envisages that typically applications are unlikely to rely on activity that took place more than 3 years ago.

*C. Major and beneficial impact on practices within the applicant's or team's organisation, or community, or sphere of influence.*

*D. Outstanding overall contribution in managing, researching, supporting or enabling learning with the use of learning technology.*

Entrants will also have 200 words in which to summarise why they should win the award, and a maximum of 400 words per area (including URLs - a URL will count as one word) in which to provide evidence against the 4 areas listed above.

For details of the last three years' winners, go to <http://www.alt.ac.uk/awards.html>, where you will find summaries of each year's winning and highly commended entries.

## **How to enter**

The entry form is a simple ".doc" file that you can download from the ALT home page at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/>.

Complete all sections of the form, taking careful account of the stated word limits and any other requirements.

Save the form locally, **including your full name (or the name of your team) in the file name**. Then email your completed application to [lt2010@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2010@alt.ac.uk), to arrive no later than **17.00 UK time on 10 June 2010**. All applications will be acknowledged, and if you have not received an acknowledgement by **17.00 on 12 June 2010**, please follow things up by email to [lt2010@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2010@alt.ac.uk).

Answers to all questions about the award that are sent to [lt2010@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2010@alt.ac.uk) by **9.00 on 31 May 2010** will be posted in a text file at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/lt2010.txt>. This will be available from **17.00 on 1 June 2010**, and will include the firm interview date.

In case of difficulty, email [lt2010@alt.ac.uk](mailto:lt2010@alt.ac.uk) and we will do our best to help.

The Trustees of ALT gratefully acknowledge the generous sponsorship of the 2010 Learning Technologist of the Year Award by Desire2Learn Incorporated (Stream One) and by VITAL (Stream Two). For more information about VITAL go to <http://www.vital.ac.uk/>. For more information about Desire2Learn go to <http://www.desire2learn.com/>.