

Successful deployment: networked handheld devices for learning and teaching

A good practice workshop for schools, colleges, universities, work-based learning, and community education.

Organised by the Association for Learning Technology (ALT) with the support of Becta. Facilitated by Professor Gilly Salmon, head of Leicester University's Beyond Distance Research Alliance.

16.30 on Thursday 12 November to 15.30 on Friday 13 November at the National College for Leadership for Schools and Children's Services in Nottingham. (Overnight accommodation including dinner will be provided, and travel and cover costs within reason can be met for those taking part. There will be no charge to attend.)

Rationale for this workshop

In all parts of education and training, handheld devices such as games consoles, smart-phones, and net-books, connected to the Internet, are altering the experience of learners and the practices of teachers and trainers. Successful deployment of such devices can have powerful beneficial effects on learning, and there are many examples of excellent practice; but education and training is organised in sector-based silos so rarely do practitioners get together to share approaches, to learn from each other, and to tackle challenges that they have in common. Meanwhile, the learners are moving between the silos.

Workshop aims

The three main aims of this workshop are to:

- Share know-how in the use of handheld devices in learning and teaching
- Identify common and contrasting themes, challenges, and solutions;
- Capture excellent practices for subsequent dissemination, and identify issues to raise with policy-makers, device and service vendors, and software developers.

A subsidiary aim of the workshop is to assess the value to practitioners of examining technology in learning issues on a cross-sectoral basis.

Interested in attending?

We expect demand for places on this workshop to exceed supply, and we need also to ensure a balance of participation from different sectors. For these reasons, if you wish to take part, please express an interest. To do this, please complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/y9t6an2> by **no later than 12 noon on Friday 23 October**. Those invited to attend will be notified on Tuesday 27 October, giving sufficient time to book travel at reasonably economical rates, and to make arrangements for cover. If you have questions about the workshop please send these to bpw@alt.ac.uk by no later than noon on Friday 16 October. A single response to all questions submitted will be available at <http://www.alt.ac.uk/docs/bpw.html> from Tuesday 20 October.

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