

## Join ALT as an individual

**The Association for Learning Technology (ALT) is a professional and scholarly organisation dedicated to spreading good practice in the use and development of learning technology.**

We bring together and support organisations and individuals who use, create, research into or develop technology as an aid to effective teaching, learning and assessment. We also draw on our members' expertise to influence policy and to respond to national issues in the learning technology arena.

ALT aims to:

- represent and support our members and provide services for them
- facilitate collaboration between practitioners, researchers, and policy makers
- spread good practice in the use of learning technology
- raise the profile of research in learning technology
- support the professionalisation of learning technologists
- contribute to the development of policy



## Our members

You do not have to be called or to call yourself a learning technologist to be one. Our members come from disciplines that span the whole of education and training across the public, private and voluntary sectors. They include teachers, lecturers and trainers, training managers, researchers, developers, service and information providers, policy makers, content developers, publishers and technology suppliers. ALT was set up to meet the needs of this expanding community and has grown fast. Over 500 practitioners have joined as individual members.

## Sponsoring members

Sponsoring members of ALT include national players in the expansion and effective use of learning technology:

- Blackboard • Dept for Children, Schools and Families • Dept for Innovation, Universities and Skills • Desire2Learn • Eduserv • Higher Education Funding Council for England • Higher Education Academy • JANET UK • JISC • Learning and Skills Council • Scottish Funding Councils • Toshiba • Ufi Ltd • John Wiley and Sons.

## What do we do?

We run a full programme of activities to support practitioners.

### Stimulating events:

- the ALT annual conference (ALT-C), the main event in the UK learning technology calendar
- conferences on leading edge learning technology
- regular workshops – for example on Moodle, accessibility, assessment, courseware development and learning object design
- visits and exchanges
- Policy Boards – meetings focusing on policy development in the field

### Useful publications:

- responses to consultations about learning technology and e-learning
- a fortnightly email digest – learning technology news, funding opportunities, announcements, job vacancies, research findings
- ALT-J, an international peer-reviewed journal devoted to research and good practice in learning technology
- a quarterly newsletter, available in hard copy and web format
- ad hoc reports and publications for practitioners

### Professional development –

#### CMALT (Certified Membership of the Association for Learning Technology):

- a simple, economical, peer-based structure certifying individual ALT members as Learning Technologists
- developed in response to members' wishes
- demonstrating high levels of professional commitment

Full details of the certification process are at [www.alt.ac.uk/cmalt/](http://www.alt.ac.uk/cmalt/)

**“The workshop was without doubt the most valuable one I have ever attended... Money very well spent.”**

Ian Simpson, St Martin's College

## Membership of ALT

As an ALT member you will be part of a community of practitioners sharing and exchanging information and ideas of direct use in your professional role.

You will have opportunities for professional development and to network and collaborate with like-minded colleagues.

Membership will enable you to keep up to date with news and developments – in creative approaches to the use of technology, new software and methods, national policy, research, funding and job opportunities.

Membership also brings you:

- discounted fees for ALT workshops and conferences
- the fortnightly ALT email-digest of key developments in the field
- the quarterly newsletter
- three issues a year of ALT-J
- free copies of our ad hoc reports and publications
- the opportunity to qualify as a Certified Member of ALT
- the right to stand for election in ALT

## Web site

The ALT web site is a key information resource that can help you keep up to date with developments across the entire field of learning technology.

Go to [www.alt.ac.uk](http://www.alt.ac.uk).

## Membership fees

The membership fee for individuals is £56 for UK members and £69 for overseas members. There are discounts for students and for people who are retired or unemployed, and there is a £7 discount for payment by direct debit.

## How to join

Membership of ALT is open to anyone interested in furthering our work in learning technology. Go to [www.alt.ac.uk/membership\\_join.html](http://www.alt.ac.uk/membership_join.html) or contact the ALT office for an information pack.

## How are we run?

ALT is governed by a Central Executive Committee made up of its Trustees. Trustees are elected by the membership. There are sub-committees for Membership Services, Publications, Further Education, and Research. Details of the Executive Committee members/Trustees and of the staff team are at [www.alt.ac.uk](http://www.alt.ac.uk).

## Further information

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