

Join ALT as an organisation

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

The pace of change in learning and assessment means that the number and range of organisations employing people who work with learning technology is growing all the time. Organisations of all kinds engaged in teaching and training increasingly rely on staff with the skills of the learning technologist – lecturers, trainers and training managers, content and software developers, electronic publishers, technology suppliers, and service and information providers.

ALT was set up to meet the needs of this expanding community and has grown fast. Over 500 practitioners have joined as individual members, and over 100 universities, over 70 further education colleges and around 50 commercial and government organisations have signed up as sponsoring or organisational members.

What do we do?

We run a full programme of activities to support organisations and their staff.

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

Publications:

- policy documents
- 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

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

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

Ian Simpson, St Martin's College

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.

Organisational membership of ALT

As a member of ALT your organisation will be joining an innovative community of like-minded employers sharing and exchanging information and ideas on issues of common interest.

Your staff will have opportunities for professional development and to network and collaborate with other practitioners.

You will be able to keep up to date with news and developments – in creative approaches to the use of technology, new software and methods, national policy, research, and funding opportunities.

Organisational membership also brings you:

- discounts on staff attendance at ALT training events
- access for your staff to CMALT, our Certified Membership scheme
- our fortnightly email news digest
- special interest, email and discussion groups
- participation in the ALT Policy Board, which meets periodically
- 25 copies of our quarterly newsletter
- an online and a hard copy subscription to ALT-J, our research and good practice journal
- free copies of ad hoc reports and publications
- reduced rates to many of the services offered by our partner organisations
- streamlined communications with ALT via your chosen corporate representative

Sponsoring members

Sponsoring members are also entitled to:

- include material in an annual mailing to over 500 individual and over 200 organisational and sponsoring members
- 50 copies of our quarterly newsletter
- a 20% discount on sponsorship packages supporting the ALT annual conference
- a link to a URL of their choice on their web site from the ALT home page

Membership fees

The fee for organisational membership is between £296 and £976 a year, depending on the size of the organisation. The fee for universities, colleges, public sector and charitable organisations is based on the Joint Information Services Committee (JISC) banding system (see www.jisc.ac.uk). The fee for companies is based on their annual turnover. Sponsoring members normally pay a minimum annual fee of £1,276.

How to join

Membership of ALT is open to any organisation which is interested in furthering our work in learning technology.

You can join online at www.alt.ac.uk or contact ALT office for an information pack.

How are we run?

ALT is governed by a Central Executive Committee made up of its Trustees. Trustees, who must be individual members of at least one year's standing by the time they take up office, are elected by the whole 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.

Further information

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“An excellent conference. The sessions addressed the theme really well... a very clearly defined focus.”

ALT-C conference participant

