



Minutes of the Committee for FE and Cross-Sector Engagement

Minutes from the meeting of the committee on 23 May 2018: .

1 Welcome attendance and apologies

Chair: Bella Abrams (BA)

Present: Adam Elce, (AE), Liam Sammon (LS), Rachel Challen (RC), Maren Deepwell (MD)

Apologies from: Sarah Williams (SW), Victoria Wilson-Crane, Patrick Pemsel (PP), Hannah Mathias, Paul Hollins (PH), James Clay (JC).

2 Approve the Minutes of the meeting held 25 January 2018.

The minutes from the meeting held 25 January 2018 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

3 Committee activities

The Committee discussed the following proposed activities:

Propose community-led sessions for the Annual Conference

This could be on any aspect of ALT's activities that you are interested or involved in. Popular sessions in the past have included workshops in publication in Research in Learning Technology, or on CMALT (<https://altc.alt.ac.uk/2016/sessions/how-to-get-published-with-the-alt-journal-research-in-learning-technology/> ; <https://altc.alt.ac.uk/2017/sessions/pathways-to-cmalt-session-7002/>).

Deadline: proposals for conference sessions should be submitted to thomas.palmer@alt.ac.uk by 31 July.

Write a guest post for the #altc blog or the conference blog and contribute your voice

Write a blog post reflecting on your involvement with ALT, and celebrating 25 years. You might like to reflect on your own career in learning technology alongside your engagement with ALT. The #ALTC Blog regularly carries [opinion pieces](#), ['week in the life of' pieces](#), [reflections on conferences and events](#), and so on. Be creative!

We are looking for posts starting now, so please email me to discuss details and a deadline.

Help us spread the word and recruit more Members

Write brief membership 'case studies' or sound bites articulating the benefits of ALT membership. It would be very useful to have perspectives from Further Education/VET and commercial contexts as well as Higher Education as we seek to improve the way we communicate about ALT with members and potential membership.

Suggestions:

ALT membership benefits me as an individual by... (100 words)

ALT membership benefits my colleagues/my staff by (200 words)

ALT membership benefits my organisation by (200 words)

Action: for MD to circulate more details and request to volunteer for various opportunities.

Volunteers for blog posts: Bella Abrams, Liam Sammon,

Volunteers for testimonials: Adam Elce, Liam Sammon, Rachel Challen (editor),

Volunteers for conference: tbc

4 Events and conference report

The Committee welcome the report which covered the Annual Conference, OER18 and current webinars including a webinar series on GDPR:

Annual Conference

For ALT's 25th Annual Conference we will bring together different critical perspectives in Learning Technology from across our community that will examine the challenges ahead and question the shape of things to come.

We are putting our values into practice and Members at the heart of the conference, so in this spirit the event will be chaired collaboratively by the Trustees of ALT, led by Sheila MacNeill and Martin Weller.

OER18

OER18 focussed on one of the often-cited benefits of 'open' – the promise of inclusivity. The conference will be chaired by academic and Open Education researcher Vivien Rolfe, alongside Wonkhe Associate Editor David Kernohan.

Bookings and attendance were slightly down on previous years with a total of 158 bookings. The vast majority (88%) of bookings continued to be for both days. Attendance was excellent on both days.

OER18 has received overwhelmingly positive feedback. 100% of survey respondents felt that the 'pre-booking conference and administration', 'help provided during the conference' and 'general running of the event' was good or excellent, clearly reflecting the outstanding professionalism of the ALT team.

GDPR Webinars

We are running a very popular series of GDPR webinars, which have included to date:

- Webinar: A Learning Technology professional's guide to GDPR in the classroom
- Webinar: Blackboard - Implementation of the European Union General Data Protection (GDPR)
- Webinar: GDPR and Data Protection Compliance - How Moodle empowers institutions

TLC Webinars

We are collaborating with TLC webinars, providing information on the programme and links to the Wordpress site and webinar recordings, as well as promoting the series across the ALT community. Some of the TLCs are rewatched hundreds and even thousands of times and have been embedded in courses. We ask for your assistance in sharing information about this webinar series as it becomes available.

A full list of upcoming events including webinars is at

<https://www.alt.ac.uk/events/teaching-and-learning-conversations-webinar-series> .

5 Individual updates from members

Individual discussions from members - these are not usually minuted.

6 Items referred to and from other ALT committees or Trustees (see joint report)

The committee noted the shared report from the last round of committee meetings including the membership milestones celebrated recently and the newly established Journal Steering Group. This committee's contribution to the next shared report will reflect the actions and recommendations minuted here.

7 Any other business

The Committee had an informal discussion on apprenticeships and opportunities for ALT in how it serves its Members in this sector.

8 Dates of next meeting:

The date for the next meeting is to be confirmed via email.

Minutes written by: MD, 23 May 2018

Reviewed by: BA