Learning Technology in the age of COVID-19

Key findings from the 2020 Annual Survey

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Key Findings at a glance

87% of Members feel Learning Technology is more positively perceived.

Infrastructure and technology has won most investment over recruitment and CPD for most Members as investment in campus infrastructure dwindles.

Wellbeing has been impacted as Members have supported over 90% of provision online.

Members expertise has been at the forefront of revising 67% of policies relating to use of Learning Technology.

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How has the perception of Learning Technology changed?
4c. Do you feel your colleagues’ perception of technology enhanced learning (TEL) has changed in response to COVID-19?

- Increased negative perception of TEL: n.11, 5%
- No change: n.16, 8%
- Increased positive perception of TEL: n.184, 87%

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How has the funding for Learning Technology changed?
6c. Select the following areas where your budget has *increased* in response to COVID-19:

- **Permanent posts**: n.41 (32%)
- **CPD and training**: n.33 (26%)
- **Infrastructure - physical estate**: n.7 (5%)
- **Fixed term posts**: n.44 (34%)
- **Hiring consultants**: n.19 (15%)
- **Infrastructure - equipment**: n.59 (46%)
- **Infrastructure - online services**: n.97 (76%)

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### Areas where your budget has changed in response to COVID-19:

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6b. Select the following areas where your TEL budget has *decreased* in response to COVID-19:

- Permanent posts: n.57 (53%)
- CPD and training: n.50 (46%)
- Infrastructure - physical estate: n.41 (38%)
- Fixed term posts: n.36 (33%)
- Hiring consultants: n.33 (31%)
- Infrastructure - equipment: n.25 (23%)
- Infrastructure - online services: n.19 (18%)

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6a. Has your overall TEL budget changed in response to COVID-19?

- Budget increased: n.88, 45%
- No change: n.81, 41%
- Budget decreased: n.27, 14%

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How has the pandemic affected Learning Technologists?
4a. Has the overall delivery of education in response to COVID-19 changed in your context?

- Yes, move to learning online: n.115, 54%
- Yes, increased lecture-led, blended learning: n.48, 22%
- Yes, increased student-led, blended learning: n.20, 9%
- Other: n.19, 9%
- No change: n.12, 6%

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4b. If changes have been made to the overall delivery of education in response to COVID-19 are these changes in your opinion sustainable?

- Yes - changes are sustainable going forward: n.118, 58%
- Yes, but only for 6 months: n.30, 15%
- Yes, but only for 12 months: n.29, 14%
- No: n.23, 11%
- Yes, but only for 3 months: n.4, 2%

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7. Please indicate for each of the five statements which is the closest to how you have been feeling over the last 6 months

My daily life has been filled with things that interest me

- Less than half of the time: -1%
- Some of the time: -13%
- At no time: -23%
- More than half of the time: 26%
- Most of the time: 25%
- All of the time: 12%

I woke up feeling fresh and rested

- Less than half of the time: -1%
- Some of the time: -26%
- At no time: -35%
- More than half of the time: 23%
- Most of the time: 13%
- All of the time: 2%

I have felt active and vigorous

- Less than half of the time: -1%
- Some of the time: -16%
- At no time: -25%
- More than half of the time: 29%
- Most of the time: 22%
- All of the time: 7%

I have felt calm and relaxed

- Less than half of the time: -1%
- Some of the time: -20%
- At no time: -29%
- More than half of the time: 28%
- Most of the time: 20%
- All of the time: 3%

I have felt cheerful and in good spirits

- Less than half of the time: 0%
- Some of the time: -12%
- At no time: -18%
- More than half of the time: 35%
- Most of the time: 31%
- All of the time: 4%

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How has the pandemic affected Learning Technology policies and governance?
5b. Have new institutional policies related to TEL been *created* in response to COVID-19?

- Don't know: n.40, 19%
- No: n.72, 34%
- Yes: n.141, 66%

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5a. Have your existing institutional policies related to TEL been *revised* in response to COVID-19?

- **Don't know**
  - 40 (19%)

- **No**
  - 70 (33%)

- **Yes**
  - 145 (67%)

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About the Survey
The survey is designed to:
◊ understand current and future practice;
◊ show how Learning Technology is used across sectors; and
◊ help map the ALT strategy to professional practice to better meet the needs of and represent our members.

The full anonymised data set of all survey data is available openly.
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