

Conference

Friday 27 February 2009

Aston Business School, Aston Triangle, Birmingham B4 7ET



Informal Learning - Making the Connections

Joining-up digital learning opportunities

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Background

The government's consultation paper *Informal Learning – shaping the way ahead* (January 2008) devoted a whole chapter to the importance of technology and broadcasting for adults undertaking informal learning. This initiated a wide-ranging debate on the distinctive part that technology and broadcasting can play at specific stages in learning journeys. As we move from the period of consultation to policy development and implementation, NIACE and Becta have agreed to work together on this conference to draw together the results of these debates and to present results from recent research. We hope that this will help to inform both policy makers and practitioners in preparing for strategic and practical application of technology and broadcasting in the twenty first century.

The aims for the event

The event is intended to:

- promote a strategic view of how technology and broadcasting can be used to support the full range of informal learning activities
- promote debate on how to deliver maximum benefit to adult learners through use of digital media at all stages of a learning journey
- explore how technology and broadcasting can be used to forge stronger connections between different learning experiences (structured and unstructured)
- provide networking opportunities to forge new links between organisations which support informal adult learning with technology.

What participants will get out of attending the event

The conference will explore how we can make the best use of technology and broadcasting for

informal learning. In particular, it will address the ways in which technology can be used at different stages in a learning journey. These will include: initial engagement, information delivery, learning through collaborating with others, recording learning progress and using this to plan for next stages, and celebrating the outcomes of learning.

Audience

The event will be of particular interest to policy makers, managers and practitioners who want to increase the capacity of their organisation to use technology and broadcasting to join up learning opportunities. This is a broad area of work and will include people working in the following areas:

- Libraries, Archives
- Galleries
- Health, Countryside access
- FE Colleges, Adult Learning providers
- Community Media, Broadcasters
- Online content providers
- Self organised study groups
- Digital Inclusion, Digital Mentors
- Universities, Third sector providers.

Your attendance at this conference and your subsequent reflection may be regarded as evidence of your continuing professional development.

Pre event forum

There are a limited number of places available to join a pre-event online forum to help shape the discussions at the conference. There is no additional charge for this element of the conference but participants must be able to commit to log in at least three times a week between 2 and 16 February 2009.

Programme

- 09:45** Arrival and registration (tea/coffee available)
- 10:15** Welcome and overview of the day and setting aims
Chair: Alastair Clark, Senior Development Officer, NIACE
- 10:30** From Policy to Practice - the place of technology and broadcasting in national policy.
Mick Murray, Development Officer, NIACE
- 10:45** Forum Offline – Table discussions building on the pre-conference forum debates.
- 11:00** Informal Learning and Technology – a strategy for joined up learning
Jane Williams, Executive Director, Becta
- 11:15** Knowledge Cafe (including coffee).
A chance to take your coffee and circulate in the knowledge cafe. Cafe hosts will include people working with: digital inclusion, health promotion, podcasts and broadcasting, handheld devices, libraries, structured learning delivery, staff training, online resources, community development, museums and archives.
- 12:30** Panel introductions
Panel members will introduce themselves. (Panel specialisms will include: broadcasting, local authority, third sector, museums, archives, staff training and national policy)
- 13:00** Lunch
- 14:00** Learning journeys with technology - research findings
Leila Walker, Cassie Hague, Futurelab
- 14:20** Seminar groups – ‘New thinking, new connections’
- 15:30** Panel responses - ‘New thinking, new connections’
- 16:00** Summary and close of conference (tea/coffee available)

This programme is correct at the time of going to press. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the published programme in the event of one or more of the advertised speakers being unable to attend. Participants have no claim against NIACE in respect of such changes.

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Event information

- Arrival and registration is at 9:45am for a 10:15am start. The event will end at 4:00pm
- Event fee per person: £150 (includes lunch, tea/coffee)
NB: NIACE does not charge VAT on conference and course fees
- If you wish us to invoice your employer we require a copy of the Purchase Order
- Please note that the absence of a Purchase Order / Order Number will delay the processing of your application form
- Only application forms with the payments section completed will be processed
- Places will be allocated in order of receipt of completed application forms
- Completed and signed application forms must be faxed or posted to NIACE by the closing date. Reservations by telephone cannot be accepted
- Application forms are individually acknowledged by e-mail. Joining instructions, including map and directions, will be posted out one week before the event
- Participants should be prepared to take their own notes as there will not be handouts for all sessions
- If you have not received an e-mail confirming your attendance and joining instructions 4 working days before the event please contact:

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Application conditions

Event: Friday 27 February 2009

Closing Date: Thursday 12 February 2009

- Thanks to funding from Becta, a limited number of bursary places are offered for this event. A supporting letter accompanying the Application Form is required and applications for bursaries must be made by 23 January at the latest.
- Cancellations will only be accepted if received in writing before the closing date and will be subject to an administration fee of £50.
- The full fee is payable prior to the event
- Substitutions are to be advised **5 working days** prior to the event
- A **10 working days** notice period is required for provision of palantypists, sign language interpreters and translation to Braille.

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The National Institute is active in many areas - in research, development, publishing, seminars, conferences and training courses, and has an active individual membership.

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Please complete and return the full application form

Application Form

- My organisation has authorised my attendance on: **Friday 27 February 2009, Birmingham**
- I am interested in exhibition opportunities

Participant's details

Title _____ Full name _____
 Job title _____ Organisation _____
 Daytime tel no. _____ Mobile no. _____
 Fax _____
 E-mail _____
 Address (for Pre-conference Papers) _____
 _____ Postcode _____
 This is my Home address Work address

Pre event forum

- I wish to apply to join the pre conference forum 2-16 February 2009. I confirm that if offered a forum place I will log in at least 3 times a week.

Payment

The signatory is responsible for payment.

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- I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to NIACE
- Please send me a receipt
- I would like to apply for a bursary place. See supporting letter explaining my circumstances and the relevance of the conference to my area of work attached.
- I enclose Purchase Order No. _____ and request you to invoice my employer for £.....

Please note that the absence of a Purchase Order/ Order Number will delay the processing of your application form.

Invoice address:

- Please debit my credit/debit card number with the value of £.....

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Participant's requirements

- I will require a hearing loop
- I will require a sign language interpreter (indicate type)
- _____
- I will need a palantypist and/or note taker
- I will be using a wheelchair
- I will be bringing an assistance dog
- I have a visual impairment
- I require event material in a specified format (please indicate format)
- _____
- I have the following childcare requirements (state gender, age, number of children)
- _____

Any additional requirements (please specify)

I have the following dietary requirements

NIACE requires a 10 working days notice period to make arrangements for palantypists, sign language interpreters and translation to Braille

NIACE membership (please indicate)

- Individual Member
- Corporate Member
- Honorary Life Member

Agreement

By signing the form the individual agrees to NIACE's Terms and Conditions in respect of applying for a place at a NIACE event.

Signature

PRINT First (given) and family names

Date

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Please tick the appropriate boxes below

Asian

- Bangladeshi British Chinese
- Indian Pakistani Sri Lankan
- Other: _____

Black

- African British Caribbean
- Other: _____

Dual Heritage

- White and Black Caribbean White and Black African
- White and Asian Other: _____

White

- British European Other: _____

Any other ethnic group

Please specify: _____

Gender

- Female Male

Age

- Under 30 31-50 51+

Sectoral monitoring

Please tick the appropriate box below (* please specify)

- Adult Ed. College
- College, FE or HE (inc. Universities)
- Community Education Provider
- Government Department
- Information/ Guidance Provider
- Libraries and Museums
- Learning and Skills Councils
- Local Government (inc. Education Authority)
- Local Authority, Housing
- Local Authority, Youth Services
- Primary healthcare
- Prison/Probation Service
- Supported Employment
- Trade Union
- Voluntary Sector and Charities
- Work-based Learning (inc. SSCs)
- Other* _____

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