

Education Image Gallery
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Specifically designed for educational purposes at FE and HE institutions, the Education Image Gallery provides instant access to a unique and exciting collection of 50,000 images. This reference source captures key events from the 19th century to the present. It draws on the vast resources of Hulton Archive, PhotoDisc and the Getty Images® News Service (current events and sport) to provide you with the finest library of images from around the world. A large variety of images are included, covering key events and multiple subject areas including history, entertainment, sport, science, fashion, politics, music, conflict, film, art, leisure and women's studies. With the curriculum-related images selected by leading academics you can illustrate key times, places, people and events.

Title : Schooldays
Date : 1955

Description : Two young schoolchildren sharing a textbook in a school on one of the Hebridean islands. These children have spoken Gaelic for most of their lives and are taught English at school as a foreign language.



Title: Gorbals Scene
Date: 1948

Description : A street in the Gorbals area of Glasgow. The Gorbals tenements were built quickly and cheaply in the 1840s, providing housing for Glasgow's burgeoning population of industrial workers. Conditions were appalling; overcrowding was standard and sewage and water facilities inadequate. The tenements housed about 40,000 people with up to eight family members sharing a single room, 30 residents sharing a toilet and 40 sharing a tap.

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Part 5 S-Z

SOSIG
Sosig is the social science hub of the RDN. Sosig provides access to resources in many subject areas including: Philosophy - Politics - Psychology - Social policy & welfare - Business & Economics Education - Environmental sciences - Geography - Law
<http://www.sosig.ac.uk>

TASI (Technical Advisory Service for Images)
TASI provides advice and support on the digital creation, storage and delivery of image-related information for learning and teaching.
<http://www.tasi.ac.uk>

TechDis
TechDis provides information and advice on the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) to support students and staff with disabilities in the HE and FE sectors. The **TechDis Accessibility Database** provides an on-line resource of information about products, which are available to assist those with disabilities.
<http://www.techdis.ac.uk>

TechWatch: Technology and Standards Watch
The JISC Technology and Standards Watch (TSW) exercise identifies and tracks developments in ICT that might be expected to have significant impact on the core business of tertiary education institutes in a few years time. Technology and Standards Watch helps keep track of developments in information and communications technologies that might have high impact on the core business of Further and Higher Education in a few years' time.
<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/techwatch>

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<http://www.data-archive.ac.uk>

UK Mirror Service
The UK Mirror Service offers a vast online collection of the latest available versions of freely downloadable software and resources. From Web browsers and basic utilities to Linux distributions and literature resources, the Mirror Service provides a safe, reliable and fast point of download from here in the UK, with full user support available.
<http://www.mirror.ac.uk>

Janet VTAS (Video Technology Advisory Service)
Janet VTAS provides advice on products, training and on-site consultancy in videoconferencing, IP conferencing and video streaming.
<http://www.video.ja.net>

JANET-CERT
JANET-CERT provides computer security and incident handling.
<http://www.ja.net/CERT/cert.html>

JISC Legal - a new name for the JISC Legal Information Service
The JISC Legal Information Service has a new name "JISC Legal". JISC Legal have launched a new website, available at www.jisclegal.ac.uk. The website has been reorganised to make navigation and searching material easier for the user. For all enquiries relating to JISC Legal, please now use the email address info@jisclegal.ac.uk



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Emerge – Scottish FE Staff Development programme

In conjunction with colleagues in the RSC Scotland North & East and SFEU, we are pleased to say that we will soon be presenting a wide range of staff development opportunities aimed at embedding ICT into the FE curriculum. These activities have been subsidised by SFEFC.

While we will offer our normal programme of workshops and JISC events, we aim to extend this to include new workshops and project based training for a wide range of college staff.

To broaden the scope of our provision, we will be offering the following training opportunities:

- Senior Management and Board level events to ensure planners are well informed of requirements and issues relating to the use of ICT across college communities.
- Technical staff training taking account of needs identified both by ETNA and our own contact with college technical staff.
- Project based training for teaching practitioners which will enable the RSC to fund release time for training and project activities.
- A range of appropriate and focused training opportunities for learning resources staff which will include both face-to-face and project activities.

We will soon be publishing a full programme of events to facilitate staff development planning for next academic session. Already some technical training events have been scheduled and our first project based training for teaching practitioners is scheduled for June.

JISC RSC Roadshows

The JISC Regional Support Centre for Scotland South and West has been on the road visiting colleges to promote awareness and encourage the take up of JISC Services within colleges. The Roadshow Series began in February and information days have been held in 12 colleges so far. The aim of the roadshows has been to allow all staff in colleges to meet with members of the RSC team and have the opportunity to become aware of the range of e-resources and services that are available to them. Aware of the time constraints on college staff in being able to attend central events on these services, the RSC felt that it would be more useful to hold these roadshows onsite in each college. It has been a great opportunity to listen to staff views on the JISC services and resources available and to gather feedback on these, to inform and guide the JISC on FE requirements, so that future developments can be directed to FE needs.





What the Resource Discovery Network is Doing for Further Education

Mark Williams highlights some of the services that the RDN provides for the benefit of FE users.

Introduction

The RDN provides access to leading high-quality Web sites and resources on the Internet for use in learning and teaching. It is a free service, funded by the JISC, specifically designed to meet the needs of students and staff in Further and Higher Education. The RDN provides a number of services designed to make locating information on the Internet quicker, easier and more productive.

Locating Resources: The Internet Resource Catalogue

The RDN selects and evaluates over 70,000 of the foremost Web sites and resources. These are chosen by subject specialists, and listed by subject area and resource type. All sites are regularly checked for currency, and new sites are added every day. This means unlike when using other search engines, you can be certain that the sites you find will be useful, relevant to UK education, up-to-date and reliable.

Training using the Internet: VTS

The RDN has responded to the need of the sector to develop the necessary skills to use the Internet effectively with the creation of the RDN Virtual Training Suite for Further Education. This currently comprises 16 free online subject-based tutorials on developing effective information skills for FE students. They can be used stand-alone or within a VLE. They provide both a means for staff and students to learn how to use the Internet within their own area of interest and an excellent introduction to online resources available for a given subject area.

Topical Resources: Behind the Headlines

BTH gives you background information on topical news stories. It is updated every day and the stories are selected with their relevance to the FE curriculum in mind. So if FE lecturers want their students to find out more about a particular current affairs story, they can direct them to the Behind the Headlines hotlink on the RDN homepage and this will point out the resources guaranteed to be relevant to that topic.

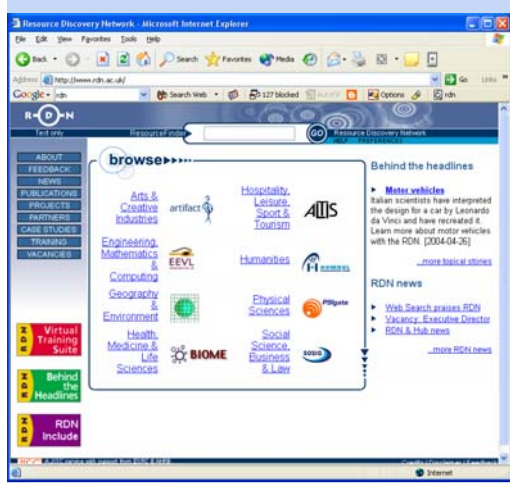
Training Materials

Although the RDN offers training sessions through the JISC Regional Support Centres (RSCs), we encourage institutions to incorporate training concerning the service within their own staff development programmes. To support this, RDN posters and presentations describing how to get the best from the Web are available in the

Training area of the RDN Web site. Specific support or advice on running staff development on the RDN within FE institutions is readily available from the RDN or the author.

Developing for the Future

The RDN serves both the FE and HE community but recognises that while both have much in common,



FE also has many particular demands. In order to meet these demands the RDN is enhancing its Internet record catalogue with over 14,000 Internet resources that will sit

within an FE-specific catalogue with a bespoke search interface. These records will contain information on the resources of particular interest to FE users, such as mapping to curriculum area and level as well as an FE notes field.

In order to meet the FE requirements of ready-to-use resources, 24 learning pathways highlighting the curriculum uses of many of these resources will also be developed. As ever, the work will be done by subject specialists (and in this case from the FE sector), with the quality assurance which the RDN regards as essential.

Finally, the RDN is working with FERL and other FE agencies, looking not only to make resources easier to find but also to make the FE sector online environment simpler to navigate.

What the RDN Hubs Can Do for Your Subject

- **ALTIS** the guide to Internet resources in hospitality Leisure, sport and tourism
- **artifact** the guide to quality Internet resources in the Arts and Creative Industries
- **BIOME** the guide to quality Internet resources in the health and life sciences
- **EEVL** the internet guide to engineering, mathematics and computing
- **GEsource** the geography and environment gateway
- **Humbul** the humanities hub for accessing online humanities resources
- **PSigate** the physical sciences information gateway
- **SOSIG** the guide to the best of the Web for Social Science

<http://www.rdn.ac.uk>



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I am delighted to be invited to contribute an article to this issue of your local newsletter. As the JISCmail service continues into its fourth year, it continues to grow now with more than 5,000 lists and 0.5 million members. The huge online archive of messages is a valuable resource that I think of as an 'Information Repository'. Members are able to locate data and initiate new contacts vital to sustaining collaboration across the education and research community. During the past year the team has been working hard to provide you with even more useful functionality. Here are some details in case you missed them the first time around.

JISCmail Newsletter

The team now produces a bi-monthly online newsletter, in both HTML and PDF format. The purpose of the newsletter is to provide useful tips, techniques and training to members and list owners. Other service providers within the JISC family, and users of the service, are invited to provide articles on how the use of JISCmail benefits their activities. The homepage for the newsletter is available at <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/newsletter> and if you wish to join the list you will be notified via e-mail each time a new issue is published.

Surveys

Each list now provides the list owner(s) with a mechanism to generate online surveys for their membership. The survey template can be re-used or modified to create new surveys. There is no limit on the number of surveys that can be active at any one time. If a list member wishes to survey other list members they can do so via their list owner. There is a more detailed article on Surveys in Issue 5 of the newsletter, see http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/files/newsletter/issue1_04/issue1_04.htm

Discussions

The provision of private discussion rooms, accessible via a new link named 'Discussion Room' is available on the list homepage, where list subscribers can conduct text-based discussions in real-time. These discussion rooms can be useful when seeking ideas or solutions to

Latest Resources in the JISC Collection

Some of the new resources now available from the JISC

Planex

Planex provides online access to the most comprehensive collection of bibliographic abstracts on all aspects of best practice and governance in the UK public sector, including everything from forward planning and development control issues, enterprise development to lifelong learning and from social inclusion issues to health, housing and anti-crime initiatives.

Creative Club and ADSNAPS

Both Creative Club and ADSNAPS are ideal resources for those studying, teaching and researching in diverse areas such as Business, Marketing, Advertising, Art, Design and Graphics, Moving Images, Sound (radio), Media Studies, Cultural Studies, and Sociology.



Childlink is an innovative online database focusing on legislation, policies, and practices regarding children, young people and families who live in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Further details on these and other resources in the JISC Collection go to: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk/collections>



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problems, and bring groups together who are geographically distant in order to gauge feedback on a project proposal or simply provide a brief get together to brainstorm a topic or idea.

Favourites

If the number of links you have saved in your web browser is growing out of control and you find it hard to locate what you want when you want it, then 'FAVOURITES' could be useful to you. If you are a list member or owner of a number of lists you need only save the JISCmail Homepage. All the lists you use regularly will be visible on this one web page and can be updated easily. For more details on how to use 'FAVOURITES' see <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/>

Deleting/Renaming Lists

If a list has reached the end of its usefulness or you wish to change its name. The easiest way to achieve this is to complete the online form at <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/help/owners/creating.htm>. This provides advice on how to do this easily and efficiently.

Searching online archives across a Category



I am almost back to the beginning of my article where I mentioned 'Information Repository'. Being able to search the message archives either by subject category or across multiple lists is a very useful function. For example,

someone working on a topic in a specialist area may wish to find out if someone else has discussed or referenced that topic. Selecting a subject category from the JISCmail Homepage will present you with a window where you can perform a category search; alternatively the main archive search facility allows a search across multiple lists. See <http://www.jiscmail.ac.uk/cgi-bin/webadmin?REPORT&z=4>.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about any of the above please feel free to contact the Helpline (helpline@jiscmail.ac.uk) or telephone 01235 446780.

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