

Training Needs Analysis

The RSC has developed an online Training Needs Analysis which can be customised for your college. On completion of the TNA the RSC will analyse the survey data and return both the full data and a short report in both hard and electronic format.

To find out more about this service, why not drop an email to Celeste McLaughlin:

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P...P...Pick up a Podcast

For the latest audio and video podcasts from you local RSC, have a look on our website.

<http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/podcast/Podcasts.htm>



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Smarter **Greener** Learning Conference Wednesday 22nd April



Booking is now OPEN for this important environmental conference in Edinburgh.

This is one of three **Green** conferences organised across the UK and the only one running in Scotland.

The JISC RSC Smarter, **Greener** Learning Conference, brings the latest strategic thinking and practical advice to managers in the post-16 education sector to help them accelerate their implementation of sustainable business practices. Senior managers with an interest or strategic role in sustainable development will benefit from the programme's focus on strategic planning and emergent best practice supported by regional case studies.

The busy conference programme covers strategic planning and management; the business case for sustainable IT; the ICT product lifecycle and its impact on the environment; communicating institutional strategies and planning server-side/ data centres; desktop management; thin client and applications. For more information and to book a place at this conference go to:
http://www.rsc-eden.co.uk/events/event_details.asp?eid=13

Virtual Education Worlds Scotland (VIEWS) Forum March 26th, 2009 12pm



We are pleased to announce that the first meeting of the VIEWS (Virtual Education Worlds Scotland) forum will be on March 26th, here at 1 Todd Campus. The forum brings together those interested in the educational application of virtual worlds so that we can share our experiences of the technology.

If you would like to come along, could you please send an email to: support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk with an indication of any dietary requirements as lunch will be provided before the meeting.

Friday, 6th March 2009 Glasgow Caledonian University



The second meeting of Scot-BUG is scheduled for Friday 6th March 11am, Glasgow Caledonian University.

The theme of the meeting is Blackboard 9. There will be sessions on: upgrading with solutions engineer Stephen Clarke and technical support manager Garry Harper; Malcolm Murray (University of Durham) will be demonstrating Blackboard 9; Accessibility and Building Blocks with Garry Harper.

Booking Form:
http://www.scot-bug.org.uk/?page_id=10
Agenda & Directions:
http://www.scot-bug.org.uk/?page_id=28

Update March 2009

Staff Developers

Etna 2009 : How Do You Measure Up?



ETNA 2009 Online Training Needs Analysis for Scotland's Colleges

This year the ETNA survey is designed to be completed entirely online to embrace all college staff who will access it merely by clicking a hyperlink. Taking no more than 15-20 minutes to complete, the survey will go live on the 16th March and will run for three weeks until the 3rd April.



A core of common questions has been retained and repeated since the initial survey. This allows the calculation of the 'distance travelled' since 2001, but these core questions have been supplemented with additional items which reflect changes in technologies, colleges and society more generally.

The Learners' Voice

For the first time, the survey will tap into the voice of the learner. In a separate section of the survey

there will be student questions which directly mirror questions in the staff surveys. Comparison of responses in these areas should make for interesting reading!

Once the survey results are in, where there are significant returns from any individual college then we will anonymise and return the specific college dataset to you along with some advice on how to conduct a preliminary analysis.

How does your Institution measure up?

Your college performance can be compared to the national picture as it emerges in the final report. Needless to say, the higher the number of returns from your college, the more valid the picture you'll be able to construct of your institutions' progress.

Survey Draw

Talking of "pictures", two prizes of **Flip** digital movie cameras are on offer to respondents who complete the survey; one student & one staff prize for our supported colleges in Scotland South and West.



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A series of 20 minute lunch-time webinars which deliver training sessions straight to your desktop. Broadcasts are also recorded and archived on our website. Have a look at our current schedule or view previous broadcasts

<http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/rscstv/RSCtv.htm>



Focus Groups

Significant investment has been made by institutions in recent years in technology for learning and teaching and many are keen to discover the 'distance travelled' in terms of technology use for delivery of the curriculum.

The RSC will facilitate Focus Group sessions and report back to assist institutions establish staff and student perceptions and opinion about the use of technology on courses and the added value they feel has been provided.

Focus groups provide an opportunity to gain in-depth insights into particular issues and are a valuable means by which to collect detailed qualitative data.

For updates on events and booking information for all our training, go to our website - look and book!

www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/events.htm

REALISING THE BENEFITS: SHARING INNOVATIVE PRACTICE



Glasgow Science Centre
June 12th, 2009

The aim of the event is to share innovative and effective practice and initiatives that have had significant institutional impact in colleges in the south and west of Scotland. A number of FE case studies reflecting developments around the region will be presented.

The event will showcase a range of initiatives covering a number of themes:

- Shared services
- Accessibility and inclusion
- Curriculum Design
- New Build and Green Issues
- IT systems integration

A wide range of JISC services will showcase at the event and the keynote speaker will be Guy Lambert, Director of the new JISC Service Management Company. Aimed at principals, senior and middle managers, this event is free with 3 places available per college. <http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/events.htm>

Making Sense of Inclusion in e-Learning

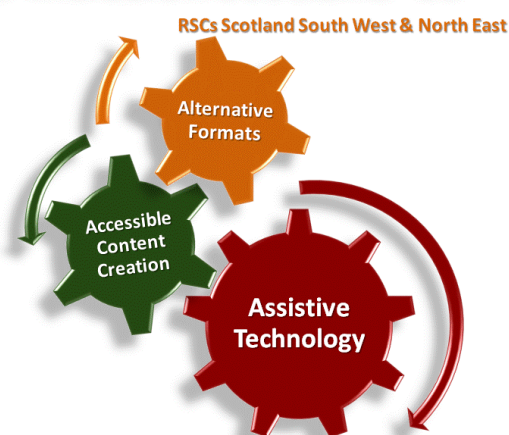
27th May 2009 Glasgow Caledonian University

Presented by the two Scottish RSCs, this one day event will provide a chance to explore opportunities that e-Learning can

offer in creating effective and inclusive opportunities for students. Speakers, workshops and informal sessions throughout the day will investigate the developing and dynamic role that technology can offer in creating inclusive learning experiences for students in further and higher education in Scotland and across the UK. The day long event includes speakers who will share their experiences, inform, challenge and inspire you.

<http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/events.htm>

e-Inclusion Scotland '09



Dates 2009	Events & Training	Time & Cost
March 3 rd 	Using voting systems in learning & teaching Training delivered to your desktop! support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk	12.30 – 12.50 Free
March 5 th 	Virtual Worlds : Training in Second Life 1 Todd Campus, RSC Scotland S&W support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk	10.00 – 13.00 £50
March 17 th 	Texthelp Read & Write Gold Training delivered to your desktop! support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk	12.30 – 12.50 Free
March 19 th 	Using ePortfolios for learning & teaching 1 Todd Campus, RSC Scotland S&W support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk	10.00 – 16.00 £60
March 24 th 	JISC Conference 2009 Edinburgh International Conference Centre http://www.jisc.ac.uk/jisconference09	09.00 – 17.00 Free
March 31 st 	Mobile Technologies for learning & teaching Training delivered to your desktop! support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk	12.30 – 12.50 Free
April 6 th & 7 th 	MS Technical Training Implementing, Managing & Maintaining MS Server 2003, Network Infrastructure: Network Services 1 Todd Campus, RSC Scotland S&W support@rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk	09:30 – 16:30 Free Funded by Clydenet
April 22 nd 	Smarter Greener Learning Conference Edinburgh Surgeons' Hall http://www.rsc-ne-scotland.ac.uk/green.php	09:00 – 17:00 Free
May 27 th 	e-Inclusion Scotland '09: Making Sense of Inclusion in e-Learning Glasgow Caledonian University http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/events.htm	09.30 – 16.30 £75
June 12 th 	Realising The Benefits: Sharing Innovative Practice Senior Management Event Glasgow Science Centre http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/events.htm	09.30 – 16.30 Free

Full course descriptions and booking forms are available on our website or call and chat to one of our team if you need more information – we're always happy to help!
<http://www.rsc-sw-scotland.ac.uk/events.htm>

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