



## **JISC RSC Scotland South & West Case Study @ South Lanarkshire College**

### **The Implementation of MyStudyBar for all staff and students at South Lanarkshire College**

#### **Summary**

This case study highlights how South Lanarkshire College have undertaken a cross college approach in order to provide portable and free enabling technologies to all staff and students across the college. This has provided significant support to students with identified barriers to learning and has also been an initiative that has promoted a range of study support, organizational and literacy support tools to support all learners and to assist staff in the way they support all their students.

This was initiated and undertaken by Lorraine Cochrane who is a lecturer at the college and supported by Elaine Rodgers the Support for Learning Manager and Ann Hefferman Head of Faculty.

#### **About South Lanarkshire College**

As one of Scotland's most successful Further Education colleges, South Lanarkshire College take great pride in the quality of our programmes and the success of our students. We have dedicated teams of staff, good facilities and the success of our students is a testament to this quality. For many of our students, success in their chosen course of study means an assured future in employment or higher education. The College has an excellent reputation, not only in Lanarkshire, but throughout the country. The College's staff and students have distinguished themselves in both local and national awards in various disciplines.

#### **Providing Free and Open Source Enabling Technology to all Staff and Students**

Find out more about the initiative by listening to the views of managers, curriculum staff and students at South Lanarkshire College.

#### **Timeline**

1. Visit by Margaret McKay at JISC RSC Scotland South & West to SLC to demonstrate first version of software in 2009
2. Attendance at half-day training course run by JISC RSC Scotland South & West to introduce the newly updated version of MyStudyBar.
3. Limited use of MyStudyBar by students by loading on to pen drives 2009

4. Guides and Information Sheets devised - 2010.
5. Software demonstrated at drop-in sessions during Inclusiveness Week 2010.
6. Software loaded on to limited rooms in college for trial period.
7. Number of students increased for pilot 2009/10.
8. Request for software to be loaded across the college network granted.
9. Request to have Heather- The Scottish Voice loaded on to network.
10. Request from JISC for SLC to write up a Case Study for JISC website on the promotion of inclusive software.
11. AccessApps and MyStudyBar loaded on to college network – shortcut icons for both appear on all college computers.
12. Stand at All Staff Conference on 17August with guides and demonstrations available.
13. All Faculty Heads emailed to offer Induction sessions for new students.
14. Short sessions at Department/Faculty meetings
15. Information Guide on MyStudyBar printed in Student Newsletter.
16. Reminder icon for MyStudyBar set up for one week to appear on all student screens at log-in.