

Association for Learning Technology's ALT Newsletter: themes for January issue

The Association for Learning Technology's quarterly newsletter, ALT News, will be freely available on the Internet from 1 February. The Association for Learning Technology (ALT) is a UK-based professional and scholarly association which brings together all those with an interest in the use of learning technology.

This issue, which has been edited by Julie Voce with Kevin Donovan and Graham McElearney, carries twelve features on experiences, product reviews and news from the learning technology community.

- Richard Everett discusses the design of intelligent buildings using Oaklands College in Hertfordshire as an example of a new fully-integrated campus planned for occupation in 2011
- Diana Laurillard reports on the third International LAMS and Learning Design Conference from Australia
- Report on the first Future of Technology in Education (FOTE) conference held in October
- Review of the eBeam interactive whiteboard and capture system
- Review of eXe e-learning XML editor – for creating and publishing web content without having to learn HTML or XML
- Developing open content for use in higher education institutions in the UK. Report from the Project on Open Content for Knowledge Exposition and Teaching (POCKET) examines the potential for migrating open content approaches across a number of HEIs
- Report on the JISC-funded TILE project (Towards Implementation of Library 2.0 and the e-Framework) exploiting data from learners in HE
- ALT research news – a report on ALT's first Research Committee Symposium, on how HE and FE can be transformed for 21st Century learning.
- Report from the British Educational Suppliers Association (BESA) Director General on the development of ICT and education as the trade association enters its 75th year
- First commentary from the Technology Enhanced Learning phase of the Teaching and Learning Research Programme. This commentary focuses on Web 2.0 and how it can be applied to designing the web for teaching and learning: Education 2.
- Update from the Australasian Society for Computers in Learning in Tertiary Education (ascilite) on recent and upcoming activities.
- Update on the publication of the recent Special Issue from the Editors of the ALT Journal (ALT -J)

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Individual membership of ALT is just £56 per annum for UK applicants. Members benefit from ALT's refereed journal three times a year, a fortnightly email digest of key developments in the field, discounted fees for ALT workshops and conferences, professional and personal development opportunities and being part of a diverse, supportive and vibrant community of practitioners, researchers and policy makers.

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About ALT

ALT (the Association for Learning Technology) is a professional and scholarly association which brings together all those with an interest in the use of learning technology. There are over 200 organisational members from higher and further education institutions, private and public sector organisations and over 500 individual members. Sponsoring members include Becta, HEFCE, Microsoft, the Scottish Funding Council, Adobe, and the Learning and Skills Council.

ALT organises a yearly high profile conference – ALT-C, the theme for ALT-C 2009 will be “*In dreams begins responsibility*” – choice, evidence and, change. The conference takes place from 8-10 September 2009, Manchester, UK. <http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009/>

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