

Association for Learning Technology announces invited speakers for 2009 conference

The Association for Learning Technology (ALT) announces the nine invited speakers for this year's high profile conference; the title for ALT-C 2009 is **"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/>.

The nine invited speakers join the three keynote speakers, plus many other leading lights in the learning technology sector who will be running workshops, seminars and poster sessions.

Seb Schmoller, Chief Executive of ALT, comments, "We've invited speakers with the aim of giving delegates a wide mix of sessions led by people with interesting and relevant ideas to convey, sitting alongside the more traditional programme of short and long papers, workshops, keynote speakers, symposia, and demonstrations."

Invited speakers have now been confirmed as:

- Jonathan Drori, CBE, Director, Changing Media
- Heather Fry, Head of Learning and Teaching, HEFCE
- Diana Laurillard, Professor of Learning with Digital Technologies at the Institute of Education
- Dr Matthew McFall, Learning Sciences Research Institute and School of Education, University of Nottingham
- David Kennedy, Director and Associate Professor, Teaching and Learning Centre, Lingnan University, Hong Kong
- Richard Noss, Co-director of the London Knowledge Lab
- Vanessa Pittard, Director of Evidence and Evaluation, Becta
- Aaron Porter, Vice President (Higher Education) of the National Union of Students (NUS)
- David Price, Co-founder of <http://debategraph.org>

The conference co-chairs are Gilly Salmon, Professor of elearning and learning technologies at the University of Leicester, UK, and Professor Tom Boyle, Director of the Learning Technology Research Institute at London Metropolitan University, UK.

Seb Schmoller adds, "The line-up of speakers and session leaders this year reflects our emphasis on learning from history, spreading innovation, cost effectiveness, developing research culture, and redesigning pedagogy. Session topics include: the VLE is dead; cost effectiveness in design; collaborative learning; realising dreams: avoiding nightmares."

The programme is now available online at: <http://www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009/timetable.html>.

For information about attendance, visit www.alt.ac.uk/altc2009 or email admin@alt.ac.uk.

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Notes to editors:

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.

The keynote speakers for ALT-C 2009 are:

- Martin Bean, Vice-Chancellor Designate of the Open University, formerly General Manager responsible for product management, marketing and business development for the Worldwide Education Products Group at Microsoft.
- Michael Wesch, Assistant Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Kansas State University, USA and active in research in new media, particularly digital media.
- Terry Anderson, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Distance Education at Athabasca University, Canada. He teaches and advises students in the world's largest Masters of Distance Education program at Athabasca University and is active in research in the field of distance education, and elearning.

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