

OPEN DISTANCE LEARNING and PERSONAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Date: 01-05 April 2008
Venue: Pesaro, Italy

Reference Number:
 IT-2008-402-001

Course objective
 To introduce key-issues of Open Distance Learning, Teaching Environments and Personal Learning Environments (PLE), based on examples of best practice

Content and target group
 Course design, teaching methods, teaching and learning environments, technology and social software and PLE, response and feed-back. Target group are teachers, advisors and directors in secondary and adult education who want to learn how to use personal learning environment in a practical way.

Methodology
 Hands on sessions and creation of teaching material needed by the participants, practical realization, exchange of experiences, and discussions.

Preparation requested in advance of the course
 Before the course, each participant will be asked to fill out a questionnaire about his or her own organisation and about expectations and needs in connection with ODL and PLE. The participants will also be given access to a website and the course material.

Outcome
 The desired outcome will be the creation of reusable learning objects, a better understanding of possibilities when implementing ODL in adult education and/or implementing PLE, possibilities of using different learning environments according to different target groups.

Certificate
 The hosting institution will provide a certificate of participation with relevant course information.

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	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Topic	What is ODL? Example of Best Practice	Learning and teaching styles. Reusable Learning Objects (RLO)	The ODL kitchen	Teaching Environments	Technology, social software and Personal Learning Environments
Session 1	Some Best Practices in ODL	Teacher Roles in ODL	Building a RLO I	RLO and Meta-data and storing	Technology, Social Software and PLE
Session 2	Analysis of Best Practices	ODL Course Design	Building a RLO II	Open source platforms	Introduction to E-Portfolio
Session 3	Identification of key issues	Principles of building RLO	Integrating RLO in teaching environments	looking into the future : Web 2.0	E-Portfolio Hands on session

Detailed Fee in Euro, per participant

Accommodation & Meals (full board)	Course Fee	Cancellation fee
500,00 Euro	750,00 Euro	100,00 Euro

Request a grant application form from your LLP National Agency. An LLP grant covers all costs. If you teach in adult education you will have to ask a Grundtvig mobility grant, if you teach in secondary education you will have to ask for a Comenius mobility grant. Before you ask a grant you have to pre-register for the course with Training2000.

Deadline for grant applications is January 31st 2008.

You can find the address of your national agency on: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/national_en.html



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TRAINERS

Koen DePryck, Dr, CVO Antwerpen-Zuid, Belgium

MA in Philosophy from the University of Gent (Belgium) and PhD from the University of Texas at Dallas. Has authored or co-authored several books and articles and has lectured worldwide on evolutionary aspect of learning and learning difficulties, the design of the electronic learning environments and the implementation of ODL. Designs and programs educational software and Learning Objects.

Graham Attwell - University of Bremen

Graham Attwell is a researcher and teacher. He works for the independent Welsh Research Centre, Pontydysgu. He graduated from the University of Wales and is presently a Visiting Fellow at the University of Bremen in Germany. His research interests include the development of new pedagogies for ICT supported learning, the development and piloting of e-Portfolios and Personal Learning Environments and the use of ICT to support informal and work based learning. His popular blog - the Wales Wide Web can be found at <http://www.pontydysgu.org/blogs/waleswideweb>

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PhD in Communication Studies. At present, researcher at the University of Urbino "Carlo Bo", Faculty of Sociology. Since 1997 researcher in LaRiCA (Advanced Communication Research Laboratory) - main sector Information and Communication Theories and Society

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Graduated in Computer Science at the University of Milano (Italy) and received a PhD in Psychology from Nottingham University (UK). He worked four years as lecturer and researcher at University Carlos III of Madrid (Spain) and then in an Italian Government funded research project on e-learning. At present, lecturer and researcher at SUPSI, where he is teaching web oriented architectures. His main research interests concern XML technology and new web standards, the Semantic Web, elearning systems and standards, knowledge representation, AI and agents, and new information and communication technologies. He is author of more than 30 international publications on journals, conferences and books in these areas.

