

## First mini online event for 2005 a success!

The June online event, 'Using Cool Tools for e-learning' was an outstanding success attracting almost 1,000 people from around Australia and the world. It provided participants with a wealth of knowledge on e-learning subjects as diverse as 'moodling with confidence' and 'digital storytelling'.

If you missed this online event, you can hear recordings of all the sessions available at the online event site. To access and listen to these recordings, simply log onto <http://home.learningtimes.net/lta> and click on the hyperlink 'recordings of live sessions'. You can also continue discussions via the '2005 Networks Community Forum' - <http://www.groups.edna.edu.au/course/view.php?id=40>. In particular you can find out how to add interactivity and fun to your online courses through exploring online games such as Studymate, Quandary, Millionaire and many more.

## Get ready for our next online event in September

The next mini-online event organised by the Networks project will be from 12 - 14 September. A wide variety of sessions will be offered. Many of these sessions will be led by practitioners involved with the e-learning networks, the Industry Engagement project and the e-learning Creative Community Partnership project. Some international perspectives on the main themes will be provided.

As a participant of this event you will be able to:

- participate in both live synchronous sessions and asynchronous discussions
- take part in online activities focused on the needs of Indigenous, community and industry clients
- explore themes and issues associated with the e-learning Networks (funded under the Networks project) and LearnScope teams - including the use of some more 'cool' tools!

News about this event will be highlighted on the Networks project site -

<http://flexiblelearning.net.au/networks>

## Industry gets on board with e-learning



Peter Le Cornu welcoming industry Exemplar participants

Nine businesses have been funded through the Industry Engagement project to produce industry e-learning Exemplar demonstrations to provide a solution to a business or training need. The nine Exemplar project managers met in June for their induction workshop in Canberra, to share how they plan to solve their particular business problems. If not Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) themselves, many are backed by supporting registered training organisations from either the public or private sectors. The industry e-learning Exemplar demonstrations will cover: risk management, induction training, safety systems, training and assessment, health care training and living culture. For more information visit <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/industry>

### Have you subscribed to Flex e-news?

Flex e-News aims to provide you with breaking e-learning news and information, including updates on the 2005 Australian Flexible Learning Framework (2005 Framework), its products, resources and support networks. To subscribe to the free monthly online newsletter visit - <http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/newsandevents/flexenews.htm>

## LearnScope Start-Up groups and teams up and away

ACT teachers and trainers funded under LearnScope are all busy exploring ways to use e-learning for the benefit of their students and clients.

This year we have ten teams and groups from Schools, the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) and the Association of Providers of Training Services (APTS). The experience level ranges from those new to e-learning through to those keen to further develop their skills and knowledge of cool tools, in order to meet their client's special needs.

Some useful links have been discovered and have been posted on the ACT LearnScope site. Why don't you have a look at [www.groups.edna.edu.au](http://www.groups.edna.edu.au) then choose 'Vocational Education and Training groups', then scroll down to the second page of groups to find ours? Everyone is welcome to join this group and contribute ideas or start a discussion. And it is well worth putting Friday 9 December in your diaries for the ACT LearnScope Showcase to see and hear first-hand what all these groups have been learning.



2005 ACT LearnScope APTS Start-Up Group participants Jo Hilton (Om Shanti College of Tactile Therapies) and Barrie Cooke (Caloola Skills Training)

## Farewell Janice Wain as Toolbox Champion

Many people in the ACT were both sad and relieved to hear of Janice Wain's move from CIT as the ACT Toolbox Champion to her new role in DEST. Sad, because as Toolbox Champ, Janice had inspired so many of us with her user-friendly approach to e-learning. But relieved that, as one of the new recruits to the Department of Education, Science and Technology, Janice is working in the VET system looking at e-learning materials and the contribution of the Framework in particular.

We thank her for her inspiration and dedication over the past three years and wish her well in her new role. We also are very pleased that Colin Simpson is currently available to help us out with all our Toolbox requests. Colin can be contacted at CIT by email [colin.simpson@cit.act.edu.au](mailto:colin.simpson@cit.act.edu.au) or phone 620-74031.

## Community groups get into e-learning



Representatives of the eight Community projects

The e-learning Creative Community Partnerships project is managed by Adult Learning Australia in Canberra. This project is supporting eight communities to create sustainable demand for e-learning in their communities. In late May, the eight successful Community leaders traveled to Canberra for their two-day induction workshop where they shared how they will explore the use of e-learning to foster learning in their communities, and through learning, economic and regional development for the communities themselves. For more information visit - <http://flexiblelearning.net.au/communitypartnerships>

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ANTA is being abolished on 30 June 2005 and its responsibilities transferred over to the Australian Government Department of Education, Science and Technology (DEST).