HE Academy Subject Centre C&IT Meeting

Slides of recent activities from the Centres and Academy York

HE Academy – ICT Team

Business Continuity & Infrastructure

- Building up a test environment.
  - Supporting business continuity testing and new implementations.
  - Includes dedicated Integra testing server.
- Lots of work underway looking at upgrades to the ICT infrastructure.
- Building an off-site BCP/ICT document repository using Drupal.

Remote Working

- Various improvements in connectivity and communications for regional offices.
- Now using two accounts on GoTo Assist Express for remote desktop control of users (www.gotoassist.com).

End User Software & Training

- Microsoft Office 2007 rolled out to staff along with familiarisation training.
- ECDL training to commence from March.
- Looking at rolling out ITIL for ICT.
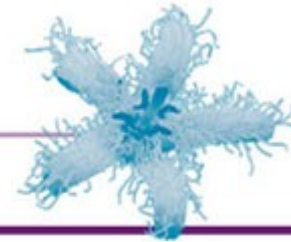
AIRDIP Update
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Phase 1 (4 subject centres, July 2007 – July 2009):

- ► Bioscience has launched new search interface: evaluation survey to be run (with incentives!)
- ► HSP, MEDEV, Palatine to follow soon
- ► Shared records will be flagged in Intute catalogue

Phase 2 (7 new subject centres, January – July 2009):

- ► Technical team at York will support Academy Portal members in joining AIRDIP: BMAF, HLST, HCA, Physical Sciences
- ► Engineering,Economics,GEES also joining in this phase
- ► May be able to extend to other interested subject centres later if data transfer/cleansing goes smoothly
- ► Awarded some additional funding from Academy/JISC Collaboration Project to cover technical and data support from Intute

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- Journal
  - Volume 12 / New logo and look
  - Forward linking (DOI)
- Imagebank
  - ePrints version 3 (and related open source upgrades)
- Servers
  - Windows Server 2008 / SQL Server 2008
- AIRDIP
  - Implemented on our site
  - Custom controls / iFrames
- Integra Reports
- Website tweaks (Comments box/blog, ReCaptcha)
- Shared Calendars

C-SAP web / technical – Darren Marsh (Web / e-learning coordinator)

Sharepoint – after Terry's informative presentation on this last year, we found a means of getting access to this at our host institution (Birmingham). The intention was to use it as an internal team working / task sharing / meeting organising tool. However, despite initial interest this has gone the way of many technical interventions … not without good will and effort, but it's not been taken up effectively by all staff. We've raised this again at our annual planning meeting, any good points / practice on using Sharepoint I'd be very interested to hear.

• C-SAP web – business as usual, though we are keenly aware of the need to refresh, update, and simplify the site, with a new focus on the needs of users. It's long overdue …

• A lot of work directed towards e-learning over the past year rather than web development, but again would like to redesign our main site on a much more team collaborative model, I know a lot of you are doing this with success. Problem of objectively capturing 'workflows'.

• Use of www.lulu.com for our latest C-SAP monograph – early days and need to evaluate, but offers potential for future sustainability, improved dissemination, storage overheads etc (see http://www.c-sap.bham.ac.uk/resources/publications/). Anyone else using this or similar?

Economics

3rd site – using CMSMS (free)

Content – Internet Economist, Handbook Chapter, OER bid

Redesign? No, re-structure and re-skin

Web2: YouTube /Google Vid etc. Considering Twitterfeed

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English Subject Centre

OER bid

JISC Continuation funding received for institutional calendar

Integrated JORUM search into our websearch

Used Commentariat WordPress theme to produce commentable edu guide.

Got go-ahead to produce new engsc site.

Gateway - Progress

- Technical evaluation produced three options for implementation
- Collaboration team rejected these in favour of single SharePoint 'pilot'
- Pilot will not involve integration with York business systems
- Will provide:
  - Integration of shared calendar and staff directory
  - Collaboration facilities
- Feasibility and costings of the approach being evaluated by external consultants

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Gateway calendar feeds demonstration

See calendar.avi in this folder for demonstration

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GEES SC C&IT activity summary

OER is the big thing at the mo and the reason I'm not at the away day. If our Subject Centre gets awarded OER funding then I'll be coordinating this (on top of my current role) until we can appoint a FT project coordinator. How many others SCs are potentially in this situation?

For those interested, the GEES OER bid has 3 professional bodies and 6 HEIs as consortium members. We've themed our approach around Climate change. Basically we've identified 360 credits of material that is currently not "open" in 6 partner HEIs on the theme of climate change and hope to release it under open licence in the space of a year ("simples") .

Project title: C-change in GEES: Open licensing of climate change and sustainability resources in the Geography, Earth and Environmental Sciences*

*From Shakespeare's Tempest you get "But doth suffer a sea-change Into something rich and strange" which could be spookily appropriate but "C-change" also works with the cultural and climate change aspects of this work. (I need to get out more)

Other stuff currently going on:

Podcasting feedback in GEES x 3 mini projects

Newsfilm online in GEES x 3 mini projects

AIRDIP2 - meeting in Bristol 11th March

Integra - migration of legacy activity data + training of staff (again - because we all forgot how to use Integra)

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Health Sciences & Practice Subject Centre

- Developing review module (PHP customisation)
- Integra (predefined queries, data cleansing)
- iCal feed
- Misc hardware upgrade
- Migrate / host web based mini-projects (Joomla)

Dr Kwansuree Jiamton, ICT Manager
Chakkapas Visavakul, System Developer

26th Feb 2009

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jQuery

HTML Page

```html
<script type="text/javascript" src="/scripts/jquery-1.2.6.pack.js"> </script>

<script type="text/javascript" src="/scripts/main.js"></script>
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main.js

```javascript
$(document).ready(function(){

        $("input.searchbox").focus(function() {
                if (this.value == this.defaultValue) { this.value = ''; }
        });
        $("input.searchbox").blur(function() {
                if (this.value == '') { this.value = this.defaultValue; }
        });

        $("#topnav ul.parent li.parent").hover(
                function() {
                        $(this).addClass("hover");
                        $("a.parent", this).addClass("hover"); },
                function() {
                        $(this).removeClass("hover");
                        $("a.parent", this).removeClass("hover"); }
        );

});
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Medicine,
Dentistry and
Veterinary Medicine

- OER - ARGH! OOER MISSUS
- Job description for new technical post: planning to redevelop MEDEV website with new look and feel
- Planning eLearning in health conference with HSaP University of Warwick and King's College, London
- Integra – data migrated successfully, updating & some initial training done, more including using events to come, embedding in MEDEV website
- HEALTH NG website – Django/MySql

Projects

Question Bank
http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/physsci/home/projects/jisc_del/questionbank

Digitisation Project
http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/physsci/home/projects/digitisationproject

Embedding e-Portfolios in Practice (E-PIP)
http://www.heacademy.ac.uk/physsci/home/projects/epip

Centre

Flickr to share images between Centre staff

Website

Internationalisation
Research Teaching Linkages

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The two Richard's have mostly been up to…

- – Constructing our new database driven website which is due for imminent launch (spec, develop, test, iterate, transfer content etc.)
- – Constructing lightweight CSS for the above
- – Maintenance of current website
- – Creation and adjustment of Integra/Crystal Reports
- – Creating a custom VMWare client for Integra due to it running like a "slug through treacle" graphically
- – Looking at search options, e.g. Google, OpenObjects etc.
- – Support for staff (hardware and software)

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Current Developments

Maintenance of our web presence

- ► News
- ► Events
- ► Event Bookings
- ► Publications (Newsletter, Italics, book reviews)
- ► Development funds / online resources

Integra

New initiatives frozen at the moment

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Summary of Technical Activities

- Purchased and installed new server hardware, hands off with HP's ILO management hardware/software (great stuff, like VNC on steroids!)

- Reducing hosting costs by consolidating all services onto one machine, lower carbon footprint

- In-house CMS continuing development, continues to meet the evolving needs of SC

- Working towards publishing the first ever full "eDiscourse" directly on the PRS website

- The PRS tech has returned from a 1-year career break, in Canada