

JISC RSC YH support

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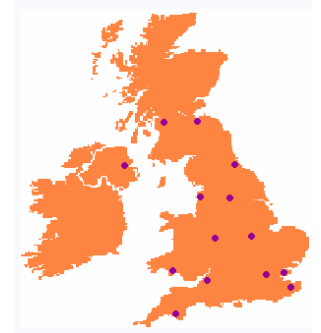
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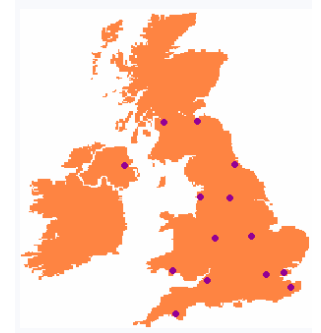
JISC RSC Support



- 13 Regional Support Centres (RSCs)
- Funded by the Learning and Skills Council and HEFCE through the JISC since 2000, new funding to 2010
- RSCs Mission: To stimulate and support innovation in learning
- RSC network facilitated via central RSC UK team
- To contact your local RSC, visit [Contact your RSC](#)

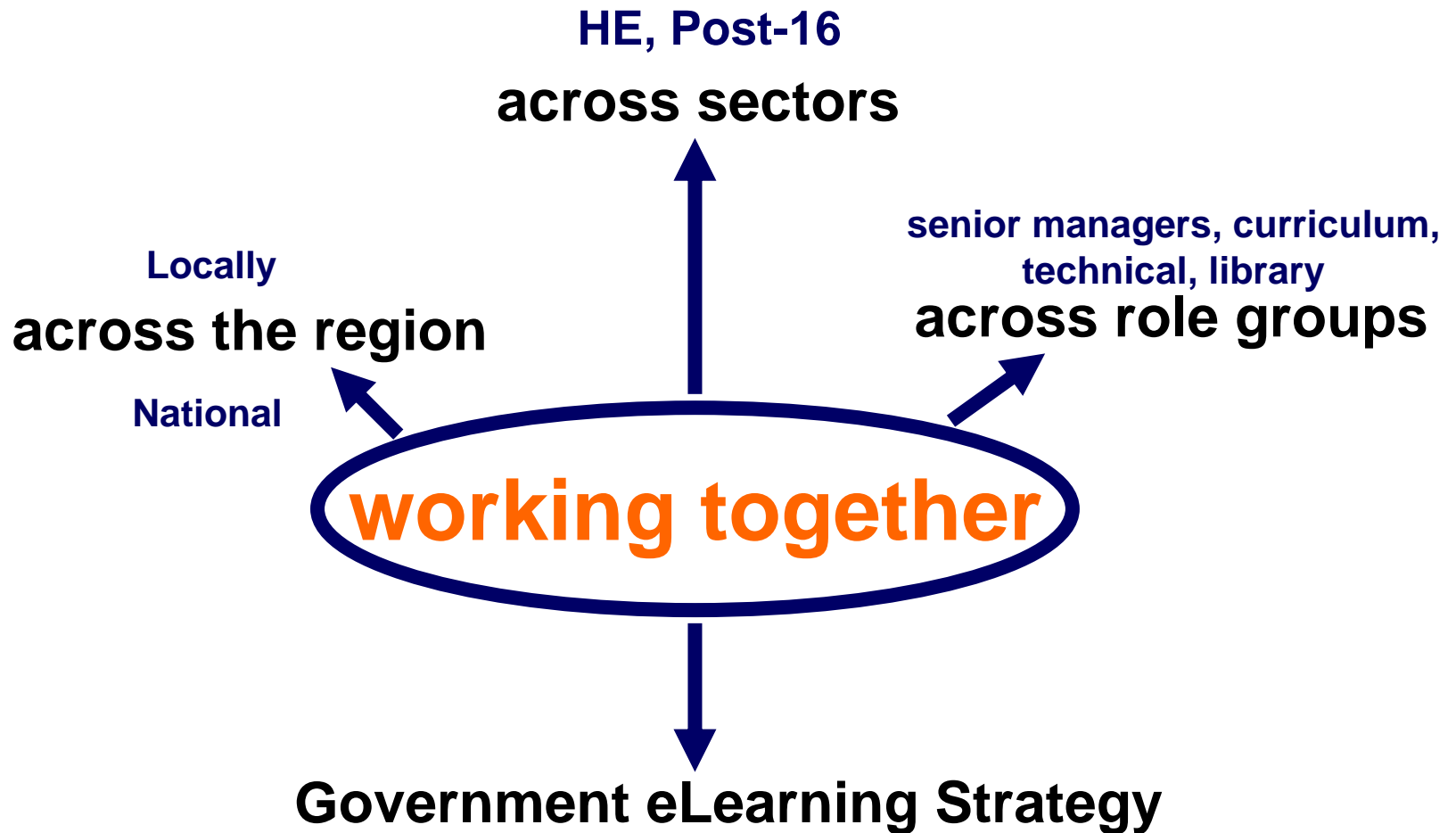


JISC RSC Support



- Support Provided
 - Post-16 : FE, Specialist, 6th Form Colleges, Local Authorities (adult and community learning) and Work-based Learning
 - HE: Colleges, HE in FE and events for all HE sector
- Type of Support
 - Strategy, infrastructure, curriculum, learning resources, staff development
- How we Support
 - Working closely with a range of agencies and services, offering telephone support line, mounting workshops and conferences, undertaking site visits, facilitating networks and groups, working in partnership with national, regional initiatives/agendas
- More information at the [JISC RSC Home Page](#)





Support for Higher Education

- Building on present sharing of good practice across providers of HE courses in FE, HE Colleges and Universities
- Annual major regional event for HE
- Working closely with new regional partnerships for HE courses
- Working closely with JISC Developments and providing regional support to:
 - communicate bidding opportunities
 - support clarification and discussion on the bid requirements
 - enable regional collaboration
 - improve bid writing
 - disseminate project outcomes



To bid or not to bid?

Key points to consider

- Why do it? The strategic context
- Why fund it? Matching the call
- Wider Benefit? The big picture
- Choosing convincing partners
- Demonstrating expertise and competence

Matching the call

- Read it!
- What are the funder's strategies/plans?
- How do your plans match theirs?
- Get the bias right between development and research
- Interesting/Novel is probably not enough



The big picture

- Who/what is driving the funder?
- What are the regional, national and wider agendas?
- Show you understand the context
- How does your bid fit the context?



Choosing convincing Partners

- Strengths of existing relationships
- Goal – shared or diverse
- Sectors
- Have the issues of working been thought through?

Partnership working issues to consider

- Who does/owns/is responsible for what?
- Cultural differences, external drivers and influences?
- Local education and business processes?
- Local skills and development needs
- Support- technical/educational/business process?
- Lines of communication?
- What are the benefits to those on the ground?
- QA, standards, IPR and copyright?
- Who will be in charge of the project management?
- Who will have the purse strings?

Feedback from a previous call

- Too many bids locally focused
- Scope of proposals unclear
- Problems with the budget/value for money
- Dissemination plans
- Project management
- Partnerships
- Skills
- Bid does not fit/ out of scope



Further Support

- Possibility of mounting full-scale bid writing workshop or project management session in your region via your local RSC
- Your local RSC may be able to broker support from partners and agencies eg JISC InfoNet for project management
- To contact your local RSC, visit [Contact your RSC](#)
- Practical bid writing for JISC funding guide for available at [Guide to Bidding](#)
- JISC funding opportunities listed at [Funding Opportunities](#)
- Practical resources on project management and a wide range of other areas available at [InfoKits](#)



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