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Dear Educator and content provider,

I would like to invite you to participate in an exciting new project.

Invitation to Participate

Take part in final tests and development of a new prototype – JANET Collaborate. This is an important opportunity to help to shape a service that can directly benefit universities, colleges and schools and the cultural sector.

The aim of the new JANET Collaborate prototype is to enable educators to:

1. find others with shared educational interests, thus leading to educational collaboration or delivery of educational content;
2. find or offer opportunities for collaboration, especially live educational content being delivered by videoconference.
3. find associated educational resources, e.g. best practice, projects, lesson plans

The JANET Collaborate prototype will:

- be free at the point of use
- be available to the entire education community.
- provide an important tool for content providers to promote and schedule their delivery of videoconferencing opportunities, via links with the JANET Videoconferencing Service (JVCS).

For further information visit <http://www.ja.net/development/collaboration/pilot/index.html>.

Who should participate in the prototype tests?

The tests are aimed at Educational Content Providers, especially those who use (or plan to use) videoconferencing to deliver content to the education sector.

The aim of the tests is to give content providers the chance to contribute towards the final functionality and design of the prototype which is scheduled to launch from May 2007. It is hoped that this will lead to a full production service.

When will they take place?

The tests, entitled 'An introduction and walkthrough of the JANET Collaborate prototype' are due to take place during and around the April half term. You are invited to take part in one of these events

- Friday 13 April 14:00 to 16:00 – Conducted via videoconference and/or teleconference.
- Monday 16 April 15:30 to 17:00 - In person meeting at The Cabinet War Rooms and Churchill Museum, London, <http://cwr.iwm.org.uk/>.
- You can also choose to download the walkthrough and take part independently. I will be available on Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 April to discuss independent user's experience and to provide assistance.

Please pre-arrange a time slot with me prior to these dates.

If you would like to take part in the tests in any one of the above ways please contact me to confirm your place. I hope look forward to your contributions.

Yours,

Tim Boundy, Project Manager