Connecting with e-Learning Series Caledonian Launch
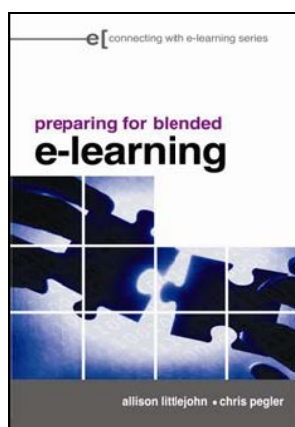
Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow, 14th November 2007

The first titles in a new e-learning book series *Connecting with eLearning,* were published by Routledge in April 2007.

To mark the occasion two authors from the series will be speaking on elearning themes at Glasgow Caledonian University on 14th November 2007. Copies of both *Preparing for Blended eLearning (Littlejohn and Pegler)* and *The Educational Content of ePortfolios (Stefani, Mason and Pegler)* will be available for inspection and to order (at discount) during this event.
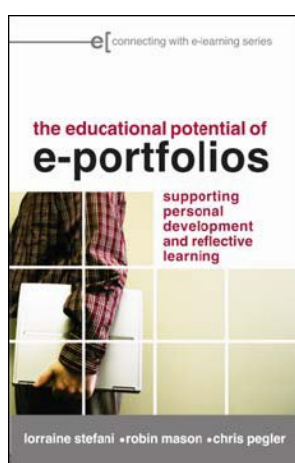
We hope that you can find time to attend these sessions and/or the launch.

2.30 - 3.00 Welcome and Introduction

3.00 - 4.00 Professor Allison Littlejohn
Can we plan for blended e-learning?

Abstract: Recent innovations in social software are challenging social norms. They are changing the ways we meet people and interact, opening up opportunities as to how we broadcast personal information and collaboratively explore topics of mutual interest. We can create, control and share our own resource banks, blending a variety of resources sourced around the world. This, in turn, allows exploration of different forms of collaboration and dialogue, blending interactions in the physical world with those in hyperspace. All of this must have an impact on the potential and future directions of tertiary education. Changing social norms brings into question the purpose and functions of Universities and their contributions to national economies. However, there is evidence that lecturers find it difficult to plan for blended learning. This presentation will explore issues expressed by lecturers in a range of disciplines across the world.

4.00 - 5.00 Chris Pegler
The limits and potential of educational ePortfolios

Abstract: What do we know about eportfolios so far? Are they here to stay? Worth the effort? What do they do and what more can we expect from them? Even more importantly, what might we be expecting that they are unlikely to deliver. This talk draws on experiences with wikis and blogs as well as eportfolios to consider whether this is a change worth making.

5.00 - 6.00 Refreshments

Location: Seminar Room 9, CPD Centre, Glasgow Caledonian University, City Campus

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