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'The 8th e-Assessment Question'

Using Technology to Assess and Support Learning

Focus for 2010: Ensuring Fitness for Purpose and Quality in e-Assessment

America Square Conference Centre, City of London 17th & 18th March 2010

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Day One 17th March 2010

Developing innovative, reliable and robust solutions

0930 **Opening Plenary Session**, Chair: Colin Deal, Examware

Opening Key Note Address and responses will look at the strategic and policy issues underpinning the expansion of e-Assessment and the impact of technology and the need ensure robustness and reliability in e-Assessment delivery

1110 e-enabling Assessment and Learning

There are many issues underpinning the expansion of e-Assessment and its role in learning, training, teaching and qualification development. This session examines those issues from standards to technological challenges.

1245 Lunch

1345 Mobile telephony, learning and assessment session and workshop

Convergent technologies and the growth of mobile telephony presents us with some of the most innovative and exciting developments in e-Assessment. This session will look at those developments and provide a hands-on workshop approach to using these emerging technologies.

1520 Innovation and People

The conference is about innovation and this final session of the day will examine some of the leading edge projects around, those pushing the boundaries of development, challenging old thinking and opening new areas of assessment and work.

Day Two 18th March 2010

Quality, Transparency and Accountability in e-Assessment

0930 Setting the Scene, Chair Kim Catcheside, BBC Radio 4, Education Correspondent

With plenary addresses from Ofqual's head of regulation policy, Chief Executive of Cambridge Assessment and AQA main board member this opening day two plenary sessions will look at the impact of e-Assessment on high stakes qualifications, their development and delivery and how they link to classroom and workplace learning.

1100 Developing Quality in e-Assessment

The challenge for e-Assessment is not just to maintain standards of quality but provide added value and improve both the delivery of assessments and the understanding and perception of those assessments.

1230 Lunch

1330 Workshop on eScape and putting such developments in the context of learning

eScape is one of the most exciting developments in e-portfolio and e-assessment development. In this session we will try to put such developments into context and give delegates the opportunity to see the technology in action.

1515 Why and how to expand the take-up of e-Assessment

The conference this year will end on considering the take-up of e-Assessment and the factors such as quality, transparency and accountability impact on the implementation of e-Assessment in the class-room and the work-place. Closing remarks from Chair

Speakers Include

Gavin Cooney, MD learnosity; Ruth Goddard, Director, AQA; Bob Gomersall, Chairman, BTL, Stuart Jones, Abel Consultancy; Prof. Richard Kimbell, Goldsmiths, London; Simon Lebus, Group Chief Executive, Cambridge Assessment; Susan McLaren, University of Edinburgh; Denis Saunders, Chair, Calibrand; Linda Steedman, MD, eCom Scotland; Julie Ward, Ofqual (KEYNOTE SPEAKER); Matt Wingfield, TAG Learning; Peter Wilson, NIACE; Matthew White, Ufi/Learndirect; John Winkley, AlphaPlus Consultancy

Who should attend?

Awarding Bodies and Assessment Providers. Sector Skills Councils. Central Government agencies and Local Authorities. Senior managers in Schools, Colleges and Training Providers. Education, Training and Qualification Policy Makers. System Providers. e-Learning and Vocational Qualification Specialists. Publishers. Human Resource Directors and Managers. Training and CPD Managers.

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The Conference

As e-Assessment, the use of computer based assessment, increasingly becomes part of the mainstream in the classroom and the workplace, the challenge for those developing, selecting and implementing e-Assessment solutions is to balance the desire for innovation and development with the need to maintain quality and reliability. This, the 8th annual e-Assessment Question Conference, examines these issues and with the help of expert speakers and acknowledged practitioners and looks at the practical aspects of implementing valid, reliable and innovative e-Assessment.

A broad range of learning, training and study is now assessed using technology. The scope and coverage grows each year.

- The tools and techniques in the marketplace are becoming increasingly sophisticated and traditional doubts and barriers are being overcome.
- A number of large scale qualifications are using e-Assessment and considerable experience is being gained in education, training and industry.
- There is an increasing expectation by students, employees, assessors and government that the technology will be available to use in a secure, robust and fit for purpose manner.
- The e-Assessment Question has become the key event for discussing all the issues surrounding the practical application of computerised testing and assessment. The impressive attendance of the last seven years and the wide range of speakers and exhibitors have shown that there is real interest from the classroom to the workplace in the use of e-Assessment.

With Day One focusing on innovation and maintenance of standards and quality and Day Two looking at the issues of quality, compliance, transparency and accountability, the conference presents an opportunity to examine the key issues in e-Assessment development.

Are you considering computer based testing or using e-portfolios?

Do you want to find out about e-Assessment or want to see the latest developments?

How robust, valid and reliable are e-Assessment solutions?

Are you concerned about the risks and costs?

Want to upgrade current e-Assessment technologies?

How does regulation and government policy influence development?

Involved with e-marking, e-Assessment or e-portfolios for the first time?

Not sure of the impact of DDA on your e-Assessment portfolios or testing?

What is best practice in e-Assessment?

Want to discuss the issues with colleagues, Awarding Bodies etc.?

Heard your Awarding Body is moving to e-Assessment?

What are the implications for learners and teachers, not to mention examiners and managers?

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Delegates may book for the whole conference or for each day, depending on their interests

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<u>Fees</u> cover attendance at all sessions, refreshments and conference documentation.

Accommodation: Overnight accommodation is not included in the registration fee. A list of local hotels is available. Contact the e-Assessment-Question on +44 (0) 1487 710856 or Email: jeff@assessmenttomorrow.com

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