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Replacing Obsolete Conversations about eLearning:

Technology is now part and parcel of our everyday life, but it's not too long ago where arguments had to be made about why we should be using technology within the education and learning & development processes.

Discussions about the cost & benefit of tools and technologies such as setting up a server with a few webpages to deliver content, track some users and do some testing via online quizzes are now less common. These things, and many more, can now be done with ease and so little expense that surely we can't justify the cost of even having that conversation.

Instead we can replace these near obsolete conversations about "should we, shouldn't we" use the technology by focusing on restructuring and radically improving the outcomes we and our organisations are delivering.

Here's a few conversations we'll be looking to have in the near future. How can we use the technology to:

1. radically lower the cost of providing learning opportunities
2. improve the ease of access to relevant learning opportunities
3. build a community of lifelong learners accessible to all.

Debates about whether or not to use technology are now in the past, so we must move on to how the tech helps us deliver significant change.

Discussion Group - 29th March - ROI - Is It Worth It?

The venue is confirmed as The Merchant Suite in Mercure Hotel in Glasgow with the meeting scheduled to run from 1 til 4pm.

The main topic for discussion is "ROI - Is it worth it" where we will look at how we calculate the return generated from our investments in t&d and ask where we are generating the greatest value for our users & organisations.

Xerte Online Toolkit

Over the next few weeks we will be reviewing the Xerte Online Toolkit to

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determine if it meets our needs for developing online learning modules.

The Xerte Online Toolkit is an open source tool originally developed by the University of Nottingham, and is now supported by the Apereo Foundation who are also involved in the Sakai Project.

If you have experience of using the Xerte Online Toolkit, we'd be interested in hearing from you about what works and doesn't work well, project collaboration capabilities, etc.

Community Updates

You can keep up to date with what's happening across the eLearning community by visiting our website and twitter feeds. We aim to update the website with events, community news and resources as the details become available. Here's some stories posted in the past few weeks.

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