



‘e-Portfolios in the support of learning’

The e-Assessment Association would like to invite you to the launch event for the e-Portfolio Special Interest Group.

When: Wednesday 1st July 2009 10am to 3.15pm

Where: EMFEC, Robins Wood House, Aspley, Nottingham

EVENT IN CONTEXT

This event is being organised by the e-Assessment Association to launch the e-Portfolio Special Interest Group (SIG). The aim is to provide a forum for those interested or involved in the development and implementation of e-Portfolios, offering the opportunity to discuss their role and impact in learning and teaching.

OBJECTIVES

Attendees will have the chance to discuss how the SIG will achieve the following objectives:

- have a role in shaping educational policy and strategy
- establish an e-Portfolio knowledgebase
- share information and promote good practice
- contribute to the development of standards

PROGRAMME

- 09.30 Registration & Refreshments
- 10.00 Welcome & Introduction - Jeff Ross, Director Assessment Tomorrow
- 10.15 *Embedding e-Portfolios in Everyday Learning – Stuart Jones*
- 10.45 *Maximising the effective use of e-Portfolios in Further Education – Craig Strangwick*
- 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.30 *Use of e-Portfolios in Higher Education – Kevin Brace*
- 12.00 *Interoperability between Centres and Accreditation Bodies – Matt Wingfield*
- 12.20 eAA e-Portfolio SIG – What do you want from this Special Interest Group?
- 13.00 Buffet Lunch
- 13.45 Breakout sessions (discussion groups based on SIG objectives)
- 14.30 Round up plenary session and feedback from workshop groups
- 15.15 Chair closing and farewell



About the Presentations and our Presenters

We are fortunate to have a number of excellent speakers who will be giving presentations at this event. This section gives a quick introduction to both the speaker and the subject matter that they will be focusing on through their presentations:

1. *Embedding e-Portfolios in Everyday Learning:*

Presented by Stuart Jones

Stuart will take a general overview approach of why and how e-portfolios need to become a common concept within education and training and the importance of embedding e-portfolios into wide areas of learning.

The session will provide a background appraisal of the major learning theories, some of the science behind them and why e-portfolio use would support these theories. Stuart will provide a summary of benefits, and consequences, that the use of e-portfolios can have on the learning ages and stages.

Also included will be a general idea of variances in e-portfolio models and the technologies used.

About Stuart Jones: Until March 2008, Stuart was Assistant Director Teaching and Learning at Becta where he led the national strategic forums for e-Assessment, e-Portfolios and effective use of data in learning and teaching. His role also included strategic and policy advice, providing comment on national strategy to other Government Agencies and on occasion direct advice to Government regarding technology and education issues.

2. *Maximising Effective Use of e-Portfolios in Further Education:*

Presented by Craig Strangwick

Craig will be discussing the different issues for the implementation of e-Portfolios in Further Education Colleges and work based learning environments from a Business and IT perspective. His presentation will provide guidance on the following three key areas:

- Selection:
 - Pros and Cons of the different types of Systems, i.e.: Bespoke, VLE Extensions, Off-the-Shelf and fully Hosted e-Portfolio;
 - Issues to consider relating to Licensing, Investment, Cost, IPR.
- Implementation:
 - Security & Access for different types of users;
 - Change Management in the assessment processes.
- Measuring Return on Investment:
 - More innovative teaching, learning and assessment;
 - Time and Cost reductions.

About Craig Strangwick: Craig is the Systems Manager for ABC Awards and is currently advising on ABC's eStrategy. Since joining ABC, Craig has designed and deployed the Awards Management System and Online Registration System which operate across ABC's four regional offices and network of Centres. Current projects include providing online services for Moderators and Examiners.



3. Use of e-Portfolios in Higher Education:

Presented by Kevin Brace

Kevin will be talking about current e-portfolio practice in UK Higher Education and commenting upon some of the resources, pilots, projects, and more embedded and innovative uses of e-portfolios across the UK within the sector.

About Kevin Brace: Kevin is the HE Co-ordinator at the [JISC Regional Support Centre West Midlands](#). He was in the steering group that helped shape the recent JISC e-Portfolio infokit, and has run various events across the region over the past few years promoting the effectiveness of e-Portfolios for personalised learning.

Midlands e-Portfolio Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/rscmeg>
e-Portfolio wiki: <http://wiki.rscwmsystems.org.uk/index.php/Eportfolios>

4. Interoperability between Centres and Accreditation Bodies – a new British Standard:

Presented by Matt Wingfield

Matt will be presenting information on an exciting development in the process to establish open standards relating to the transfer of evidence and data between portfolio systems.

He will describe the work being lead by TAG Developments working in close cooperation with a number of other commercial centre e-portfolio and VLE system providers, UK awarding bodies and the British Standards Institute to create the first UK open standard for electronically transferring qualification coursework evidence and mark data between centre and awarding body e-portfolio systems.

About Matt Wingfield: Matt is the Business Development Director of TAG Developments and Secretary/Membership Secretary of the e-Assessment Association, bringing over nine years experience of the UK education market, including seven years as a primary school teacher and ICT Coordinator. Matt is dedicated to building close and highly productive partnerships with key stakeholders within education, so that through the range of innovative online assessment and moderation systems, teachers and students gain the most out of using effective ICT as an integral part of teaching and learning.

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The e-Assessment Association



BOOKING INFORMATION

The cost for attending the event is £50.00 for non-members of the eAA and £30.00 for members. For non-members, this fee will include membership to the e-Assessment Association for 12 months if you so choose.

Joining instructions, including a venue map, will be sent (either by post or email) approximately one week before the event. If you do not receive these, please contact Michelle Chesterfield at EMFEC on 0115 854 1626 or by email at michellec@emfec.co.uk

HOW TO BOOK

Visit www.emfec.co.uk and click on 'Events and Courses'. Your booking will automatically be submitted through the EMFEC website and will allow you to print a hard copy of your application.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Robins Wood House is located in Aspley, about two and a half miles to the north west of Nottingham city centre. It is easily accessible from the M1 (Junctions 25 and 26) with free parking at the venue. There are public transport links from the town centre. The nearest train station is Nottingham.

Address: Robins Wood House
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Aspley
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Detailed maps can be found at www.emfec.co.uk by following the 'How To Find Us' link.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Completion and return of the Booking Form constitutes a contract between you and the e-Assessment Association. Cancellations must be made at least seven working days before the date of the event by emailing Michelle Chesterfield at EMFEC (michellec@emfec.co.uk) or you will be charged at the FULL cost. Substitutions are welcome and can be made at any time. The e-Assessment Association reserves the right to cancel or alter the event for reasons beyond its control.