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ALPS Bulletin

ALPS Showcase success!

Over a hundred people attended the ALPS Showcase on 16th September, in order to experience the continuing work of the ALPS networks and to see the final outputs of the ALPS core work. The day was launched by the Director of ALPS, Professor Trudie Roberts. Tamsin Treasure-Jones, the ALPS Programme Manager, introduced Sharon Oliver, Associate Director of Education Commissioning and Workforce Development for the Yorkshire and Humber Strategic Health Authority, who presented an interesting perspective of the QIPP agenda. The SHA funded the last 12 months of the network activities.



A great variety of people attended, with many different interests around work-based learning and assessment, technology-enhanced learning and assessment, and the enormous contribution service users make.



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If you want to join one of the networks, please contact the network lead.

The core ALPS outputs are to be found on the ALPS-CETL website archive: www.alps-cetl.ac.uk, which will remain for 3 years.

Further successes and accolades related to ALPS

Times Higher Award: the ALPS Patient and Carer Voice Network has been shortlisted for the 2011 Times Higher Education Award for “Outstanding Contribution to the Local Community”. Leeds Institute of Medical Education has been nominated for “Outstanding ICT initiative of the year” for their use of iPhones for work based learning and assessment, which builds on their work with ALPS.

The 2011 Winner of the prestigious Epigeum Award for Most Effective Use of Video in an Educational or Training Context at this year’s ALT-C conference in Leeds was **James McDowell**, a Senior Lecturer in Digital Media from the School of Computing and Engineering, at the University of Huddersfield, with his *VELOCITY* (Video Enhanced Learning Opportunities in Computing and Information Technology) strategy.

Opportunities for learners to use video later in the assessment process were explored in *Vineyard*, an ALPS e-portfolio network mini-project, which saw the creation of learner-generated screen-capture videos presenting a reflective self-assessment of how learner’s work was developed within the course e-portfolio system over the academic year

What happened to our old ALPS mobile devices?

ALPS donated its old mobile phones to Medic Mobile, who will be using them to support mobile health work in Nepal. In collaboration with One Heart World-Wide, a maternal health non-profit-making organisation, Medic Mobile is planning to establish a network of safety for pregnancy tracking and emergency obstetric care among community health workers, skilled birth attendants, and pregnant mothers in rural Baglung and Dolpa districts of Nepal. This project will equip over 1,200 health workers with mobile technology, impacting postpartum haemorrhage morbidity and mortality in the region. You can find out more about Medic Mobile's work and read updates on the Nepal project on their blog – <http://medicmobile.org/>

Thanks for all your help and support over the years of the ALPS programme, and good luck to all the networks for their future work.



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