

Gregynog IT Technical & Learning 25th Anniversary Conference 2023

“Device Enabled Learning: in and out of a College Environment”

2nd – 4th May 2023

Day 1 – Tuesday

Time	Session Title	Details	Deliverer or Session Leader
11:30 – 12:00	Registration (tea & coffee for early arrivals)		
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		
	Chair	Clare Cluer / Jeremy Francis	
13:00 – 13:10	Day 1	Welcome, Introduction & Housekeeping	Clare Cluer (NPTC Group of Colleges)
13:10 – 13:30	Then and Now	25 Years of the Gregynog Conference	Lyndon Evans
13:30 – 14:00	TeacherMatic	The TeacherMatic platform is designed to save teachers and managers in further education time through a range of bespoke AI ChatGPT 3 generators. During this session the platform will be demonstrated, and participants will be given a trial logon to have a go themselves.	Peter Kilcoyne & Geoff Elliot (TeacherMatic)
14:00 – 14:50	AI – Cutting through the noise (Discussion)	This session will explore the concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its potential application in Further Education.	All – led by Charlie Hammond (Coleg Sir Gar)
14:50 – 15:00	Key collection		
15:00 – 15:30	Networking break	... with Tea, Coffee & Cake	
	Chair	Simon Palmer	
15:30 – 15:55	Blended Learning Consortium	The BLC was launched 8 years ago to support the co-development of high-quality blended learning content and to share best practice in all things digital. Since its launch over 150 UK colleges have joined the BLC and over 2400 learning resources across all mainstream subjects have been developed and shared.	Peter Kilcoyne (Formally of Heart of Worcestershire College)
15:55 – 16:20	EBS Student Ontrack Hub (Prospect) at Coleg Sir Gar/Coleg Ceredigion	This is a very brief account of Coleg Ceredigion’s journey implementing and developing our use of EBS Student Ontrack Hub. What we have implemented ourselves from scratch, and ways that we have configured OOTB solutions, to meet our needs. What has not gone quite so well, and our current projects.	Kerry Grant (Coleg Ceredigion)
16:20 – 16:25	Short break	...(for overruns and comfort break)	
16:25 – 17:10	Digital 2020 Update: What is your Institution Doing (Discussion)		All – led by Simon Palmer (Gower College Swansea)
17:10 – 17:30	Why is Federated Access a Good Thing?	Why do we have a research and education federation in the UK, what are the benefits and how members participate with the federation.	Jon Agland (JISC)
17:30	Day 1 Close		Simon Palmer (Gower College Swansea)
17:45	Conference Walk		Lyndon Evans
19:30	Conference Dinner		
21:00	Virtual F1 Grand Prix eSports Session		Gower College Swansea

Day 2 - Wednesday

Time	Session	Details	Deliverer / Session Leader
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast		
09:00 – 09.15	Check out	Key Return for those only staying the Tuesday night	
	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Stuart Lawton</i>	
09:15 – 09:20	Day 2	Welcome and housekeeping	Clare Cluer (NPTC Group of Colleges)
09:20 – 09:55	Latest Microsoft Updates	Today's session will be covering some of the recent announcements from Microsoft.	Eifion Evans (Pugh)
09:55 – 10:30	Tackling the E-Waste Crisis	E-waste, or electronic waste, is one of the fastest-growing waste streams harming our planet. Old electronics are home to dozens of hazardous substances which, when disposed of irresponsibly, can cause damage to the earth and the ecosystems living on it.	Craig Campion (Stone)
10:30 – 11:00	Networking break	... with Tea & Coffee	
11:00 – 12:00	Breaking Down Barriers to Digital Learning: Strategies for Widening Access Beyond the Classroom (Discussion)	Join us for an open and honest discussion about the challenges and opportunities associated with expanding access to digital devices for learners outside of the classroom.	All – led by Scott Morgan (Bridgend College)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		
	<i>Chair</i>	<i>Clare Cluer</i>	
13:00 – 13:25	Landbased Going Digital	Cameras, VR and GPS to support teaching in agriculture.	Colin Richards (Bridgend College)
13:25 – 13:50	Digital Accessibility: Websites, Development & T&L	"Every Learner has the right to reach their potential"; The session is around our journey to Digital Accessibility compliance, the why, the how and the where next we are going next.	Leanne Howe (Gower College Swansea)
13:50 – 14:00	Short Comfort Break	...& Room Changes	
14:00 – 15:00	Parallel Sessions: Choose T&L or Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T&L (Music Room) IT Tech (Joicey Room) 	T&L: Engaging Learners through Smart Phone Video Production Audio video learning development, teaching styles, assessment, feedback, creating engaging video and understanding your audience. IT Tech: LastPass leak – what to get out of it This leak is not a single but a double hit. Of course, the question is whether any cloud service suits real secrets. But there is also the way the hackers used to get the data. Attend my session and let me frighten you a bit. Most of the session will be then optimistic and about the way you can go.	Mark Boucher (Future Digital Education LTD) Václav Šamša (TCP Ltd)
15:00 – 15:30	Networking break	... with Tea & Coffee	
15:30 – 16:30	Can't Tech Won't Tech: An open discussion on digital staff development (Discussion)	A question that keeps popping up year on year is how to tackle the people who say 'I can't' a lot, and trying to bring about a discussion with positive outcomes to break stigma about tech being difficult.	All – led by Colin Richards (Bridgend College)
16:30	Day 2 Close		Clare Cluer (NPTC Group of Colleges)
19:00	Drinks Reception		
19:30	Conference Dinner		
21:00	Quiz in Cellar Bar		

Day 3 - Thursday

Time	Session	Details	Deliverer or Session Leader
08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast		
09:00 – 09.15	Check out	Key return for all	
	Chair	Stuart Lawton	
09:15 – 09:20	Day 3	Welcome and Housekeeping	Clare Cluer (NPTC Group of Colleges)
09:20 – 09:40	Intel Workshops at NPTC Group of Colleges	NPTC Group of Colleges working in partnership with Intel and Tablet Academy to be the first college in the UK to offer students the Intel enrichment workshops - the AI 4 Youth programme and the Skills for Innovation Workshops.	Nicola Brandon (NPTC Group of Colleges)
09:40 – 10:00	An Introduction to the Wales Extended Reality (XR) Community	This session will give an overview of the Wales Extended Reality (XR) Community, highlighting the community's aims and objectives, what the community has achieved so far, and future plans. The community is open to staff with an interest in immersive technologies from FE, WBL, ACL or HE.	Kathryn Woodhead (JISC)
10:00 – 10:30	Immersive (real) worlds - using 360-degree cameras to capture VR content	This session will discuss the creation of real-world immersive environments by using 360 degree cameras. It will include an overview of the process, why we chose 360-degree content over 3D content, the advantages and disadvantages, and some tips that we have learned over the last 6 years.	Owen Crawford & Andy Hilbourne (Cardiff University)
10:30 – 11:00	Networking break	... with Tea & Coffee	
11:00 – 12:00	Device Management (Discussion)	Device management discussions - Tools for managing Windows/Mac/Mobile Intune and Zenworks.	All – led by Simon Palmer (Gower College Swansea)
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		
	Chair	Simon Palmer	
13:00 – 13:25	Hybrid Spaces	In this talk, we will explore the development of a hi-flex space at Coleg Sir Gar that empowers students to take control of their learning.	Charlie Hammond (Coleg Sir Gar)
13:25 – 14:00	Developing the next generation of technologists and preparing them for the workplace	Extreme believe that we, as global technology Company, have a responsibility to develop and cultivate the next generation of network engineers, coders, and architects. To achieve this Extreme must collaborate with our customers and Partners to drive a new initiative, 'Extreme Academy'.	Gemma James (Extreme Networks)
14:00 – 14:05	Short Comfort Break		
14:05 – 14:30	The Impact of the Cyber Incident	Preventing, Defending & Recovering.	Paul Knee (JISC) & Tom Benham (NPTC Group of Colleges)
14:30 – 14:55	Esports Wales and the Future Plans and Developments for Esports in Wales	Background on what Esports Wales is and how we can support, also the development of how we plan on moving forward and linking with education.	John Jackson (EsportsWales CIC)
14:55 – 15:10	Conference close	...& Prize draw	Simon Palmer (Gower College Swansea)
15:10 – 15:30	Networking break	... with Tea & Coffee	