

TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE

TOWARDS FLEXIBILITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Preparing materials for flexible delivery

ABSTRACT

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There is much talk about inclusivity and adaptability but just how easy is it to make materials that support teaching and learning activities suitable for all? Do the materials you add to the VLE, such as your module handbooks, reading lists, assignment briefs, etc. meet the requirements of individualized learning and the widening participation agenda?

eLearning has the potential to remove the barriers to Higher Education for students with disabilities and impairments. Electronic text can be very flexible unlike paper-based materials as it can be adapted by blind students, by those with visual impairments, by dyslexics and even by those who have difficulties turning a traditional page providing your preparation is well thought through and sound principles are applied. With appropriate use of core software applications you can deliver the flexibility to empower students with disabilities and diverse needs.

In this workshop you will discover ways of structuring documents to make them more accessible and useful for a diverse audience. The focus will be on methods of working that will not only have an impact on your materials but will also help you to develop effective strategies that improve your own day-to-day use of the software.

By the end of this hands- on workshop you will have guidelines about what constitutes a structured document in this context and you will know how to produce one.