

# WIHEA Learning Circle – Enhancing the VLE

## TERMS OF REFERENCE



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### 1. Description of the Learning Circle and main aim.

The aim of this learning circle is to identify and discuss possible enhancements to Warwick's VLE, exploring how Moodle can be developed and used effectively to meet the pedagogic needs of students. The group will focus on the user experience of staff and students and will explore various aspects of the VLE such as usability and accessibility, visual design and the graphical user interface as well as plugins and technologies that can extend the functionality of the VLE.

### 2. Common Goals

- Capture staff and student experiences and feedback to evaluate use of the VLE and to identify areas for improvement.
- Share best practice, innovative pedagogical approaches and solutions to problems.
- Act as a forum for new initiatives and ideas.
- Evaluate new VLE technologies and tools with a focus on using technology to enhance learning and teaching.
- Make recommendations to help inform and steer the development of the VLE at Warwick.

### 3. Intended outcomes to achieve by the end of the 2022/23 academic year.

- Make recommendations for institutional consideration, which detail possible enhancements to the VLE.
- Share initiatives and findings from the group at institution level, via the [Technology Enhanced Active Learning \(TEAL\) forum](#) and through WIHEA events.
- Request any essential new features and/or bug fixes that are deemed as a priority by the group, via the IT helpdesk or other relevant channels.

### 4. Working methods & meetings

- There will be a minimum of 2 meetings per term with any additional meetings as required.
  - Work can continue outside the group when required, e.g., subgroups working on projects and initiatives.
- A meeting quorum will be 4 members of the group including at least 1 learning circle lead.
- The group may invite partners, stakeholders or others to its meetings as it feels appropriate.
- Detailed minutes of meetings will not be taken but brief notes and key actions will be recorded.
- Presentation elements in meetings will be recorded, but to allow for more open conversation group discussions will not be recorded.

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