

LDCU Newsletter – 30th September 2021

The Learning Design Consultancy Unit (LDCU) was established last year to provide a support mechanism focussed on the pedagogical and practical considerations for delivering online and blended learning activities. This year we aim to continue this work and to build and grow the network of staff from across the university.

This is a quick overview of upcoming activity, training and other opportunities as we gear up for the start of term next week.

LDCU Report

If you want to find out about LDCU activity and achievements from last year and to read some of the feedback and endorsements please have a look at the newly released [LDCU report from 20/21 here](#)

The Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) Forums

The newly configured LDCU TEAL Forums will provide a regular opportunity for staff to seek support and to share experiences and ideas related to online and blended learning. This term they will feature guest presenters, technology recipes and a general forum for sharing experiences and practice. Join us for the first meeting (online) on Wednesday 6th October 1-2pm then fortnightly in-person and online [more details and schedule here](#).

ABC Learning Design Workshop

This term we are running a series of learning design sessions using the ABC 'Sprint' model of design based on Professor Diana Laurillard's 'Conversational Framework'. This model is used to help explore the concepts and ideas, and to structure thoughts and discussions, around the planning and design of Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL).

Next session: 12th October 10-11:30 Book your place [here](#).

New LDCU Podcasts with improved easy access

Two new LDCU podcasts were added earlier this month. Listen to Dot Powell (WBS Director of Teaching and Learning Enhancement) talk about last year's response to the pandemic and Chloe Agg (Senior Teaching Fellow, Engineering) talk about the use of the online meeting tool Gather Town to replace an in-person engineering showcase event. These continue to be available [internally here](#) and where consent allows wider public access they can be easily downloaded or streamed from Spotify's podcast service Anchor: anchor.fm/ldcuwarwick

Upcoming Academic Technology Workshops include the following:

Padlet: An introduction - Wed 06 Oct. 10am

Vevox: An introduction - Tue 12 Oct. 2pm

Moodle: Assignment submission, grading and feedback - Thu 14 Oct. 2pm

[See details and booking information here](#)

Academic Development Programme

Look out for the following series of ADP workshops running this term:

- Podcasting in HE
- Creating Mathematical Quizzes on Moodle and STACK
- SoTL: What is it? How do I do it?
- "Wait! It's not a test?!" Alternative Assessments - Planning and Prep
- Making Workshops Work

[Find out more here](#)

Find out more about the LDCU and how we can help and support you with your work, including workshops, forums and consultancy, [see here](#).

All the best for a good start to the term and a successful academic year. Hope to see you soon at one of our upcoming events and meetings.

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