

Students get clued-up at London Metropolitan University

This exemplar is relevant to Digital Student challenges:

Prepare and support students to study successfully with digital technologies Engage students in dialogue about their digital experience and empower them to make changes

At London Met, an innovative programme has been launched to support students with their digital literacy/fluency. CluedUp! is an online resource that encourages students to think about how technology can help them manage their studies. First they are challenged to consider 'What does it mean to be a C21st student' and 'How can I study and learn more effectively?' Then they are introduced to practices such as creating a digital profile, searching, referencing, building a digital network, sharing ideas, and social bookmarking. There are links to specific institutional and third party systems likely to be used by students. Every section of the site includes clear practical steps for getting started, assuming very little in the way of existing know-how.

A team of student Digital Ambassadors has been recruited to build and develop the CluedUp resources and to help deliver digital skills workshops for other students. The next phase of the project will put digital ambassadors into departments to work alongside teaching staff, embedding CluedUp resources and other digital activities into the curriculum.

The team behind CluedUp have been surprised to find learners at all levels – including postgraduate students – valuing these materials. They conclude that it is easy to overestimate students' familiarity with basic digital operations.

How does this meet the challenge?

- CluedUp includes much sound general advice (and is openly available) but also links to specific systems and support services at LMU.
- The web resources are actively embedded through face-to-face workshops and subject-specialised activities in the curriculum.
- CluedUp and all the enabling activities are supported by students, who bring their own understanding of how to study effectively in digital settings.

Find out more

- CluedUp materials
- Sample workshop (facilitated by Digital Ambassadors)

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