
Digital student exemplars

Enhancing the digital experience of students

This case study is relevant to the digital student challenge:

Support students and staff to work successfully with digital technologies

NETSPass: north east tutor and student passport

Led by an established partnership of seven authorities in the north east, the NETSPass project aims to establish a mechanism for developing and recognising digital literacy through continuous professional development (CPD), online resources and online badges that will acknowledge staff achievement.

200 staff, supported by a team of digital champions, will all go through the NETSPass online content to enable them to gain the skills and confidence to develop and curate high quality effective digital learning resources and to design a blended learning experience for students.

In addition, the project aims to define quality standards for online learning content.

Planned outputs to be shared with the FE and skills sector include:

- » NETSPass CPD model consisting of a nine unit digital curator programme for staff and a four unit online induction module for all staff and learners
- » A digital content standards guide for digital curators that will act as a quality benchmark for online materials
- » Digital curator staff CPD course using open badges for staff recognised across the seven local authorities

Partner organisations working with **Gateshead Council** on the NETSPass project include:

- » Newcastle Council City Learning
- » South Tyneside Adult Learning
- » North Tyneside Council Adult Learning and Skills Service
- » Durham County Council Adult Learning and Skills Service
- » Northumberland County Council Adult Learning Service
- » Sunderland Council Family Adult and Community Learning Service

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How does this meet the challenge?

- » NETSPass is a wide scale project designed to address digital literacy needs of staff via a digital CPD programme leading staff to become digital curators
- » The increased skills and confidence of staff will enable students to gain a better understanding and experience of blended learning
- » Augmenting the training experience with the online induction and digital curator CPD will ensure that all staff and students experience the online training and are better equipped to use technology as part of their studies or professional practice
- » Establishing digital content standards will provide guidance for staff developing online materials
- » Staff effort will be recognised and rewarded using online badges and through a digital literacy informed online teaching and learning quality observation team
- » Establishing a local authority adult and community learning/further education and skills co-production model that can be transferred to other similar provider consortia and adapted to meet their challenges

Find out more:

[Learning futures](#) project website

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