

# eCPD PDAs and E-Guides

21st Century Skills

Teaching and Learning



## What's in it for teachers?

'People, especially young people, are more digitally active now than ever before – producing as well as consuming new media – and this brings with it new and exciting opportunities for both educational and social change, as well as some significant challenges for educators. We need to develop the skills and judgement to make best use of what is out there.'

Taken from "Be very afraid?" (<http://www.heppell.net>)

## What is the eCPD programme?

The eCPD programme is made up of two elements:

- Professional Development Advisers (PDAs) who, working strategically with senior and operational managers, ensure that organisational approaches to the effective use of technology are made and sustained; and
- E-Guides who are trained to teach and support colleagues to use e-learning and technologies within their practice.



## Both programmes come highly recommended

“...the best e-learning and ILT training I’ve ever had. I’ve done many other courses but the PDA training was by far the best.”

– Sandra Taylor from Ashton Sixth Form College describes the PDA training

“Brilliant event - really well planned and delivered, have really enjoyed it. My head is full and buzzing with new information that I need a lot of time to spend developing and looking at further.”

– Debbie Morrisroe from Shipley College (completed E-Guides December 2009)

## eCPD online training programmes

641 PDAs and 30 Advanced PDAs, and 722 E-Guides and 30 Advanced E-Guides across the learning and skills sector have been trained to develop their understanding of e-learning and to champion e-learning approaches across the organisations.

Online versions of the PDA and E-Guides training are currently in development and will be available on the OLS soon for supported self-study. Featuring a wealth of stimulating activities and resources, users can enrol on the programmes and undertake a series of guided tasks which, on completion, will demonstrate their achievement of either PDA or E-Guide status.

The programmes also provide invaluable resources for existing PDAs, Advanced PDAs, E-Guides and Advanced E-Guides who are supporting the professional development of colleagues by cascading the training within their organisations.

## eCPD Online Learning Space (OLS)

With an ever-growing membership of over 3600\* practitioners and 70,000 visitors, the OLS provides a first-rate community of practice for e-learning. Practitioners create groups, contribute to forums and share their successful approaches and useful resources.

Managers with responsibility for CPD will find this site an invaluable resource for promoting e-learning.

You will find:

- an eCPD framework which provides a nationally recognised structure for professional development;
- an interactive CPD planning tool which has been designed to mirror and align with the structure of the IfL REFLECT tool; and
- resources and case studies generated by PDAs and E-Guides and practitioners across the sector.

**Harness these powerful online resources to underpin your strategy for eCPD.  
Get involved with the eCPD programme at <http://ecpd.bdplearning.com>**

\*figures correct as at March 2010