



E-Learning Development/Support - Project Proposal Form
Please use this form to apply for e-learning funding or requests for e-learning consultancy/support

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1	Name of College: Warwickshire College, Pershore College.
2	Project Title: E Learning – Moving from paper based to electronic with interactive options
3	Name, e-mail and phone number of project contact: Vaughan Hencher <u>VHENCHER@WARKSCOL.AC.UK</u>
4	Date Proposal Submitted: 26/02/08
5	Are you applying for consultancy/support or funding: funding
6	Project Overview and Rationale: Phased bid for Easy Authoring software that converts documents into interactive format including course work and assessments. After initial trials the HNC/HND Animal Welfare and Management and the FdSc in Veterinary Nursing and Animal Behaviour course will be converted to a partial e-learning mode. If successful it will then be rolled out to other HE courses taught at Pershore. A successful bid would give staff the opportunity to spend valuable time converting their existing resources to provide a positive impact on learners into interactive format, and thus allow wider access routes via distance and remote learning.
7	Key Objectives and Project Deliverables – what will the funding achieve The initial phase will involve trialling the software within one department to establish the effectiveness of the conversion and gather learner feedback prior to the second phase. The second phase will be to increase the number of licences held and roll out across the faculty and eventually all HE courses at the College, beginning with the Animal Management and Veterinary Nursing and Animal Behaviour HE courses.
8	Expected timescale for completion of project: Phase one complete and review by 31 October 08 Phase two feedback by 30 June 09.
9	Team Members, roles and responsibilities: V Hencher, Learning Technologist R Trigg, Quality Manager R Kendall – Programme Area Manager A North – Programme Area Manager

10	<p>Budget. How much are you bidding for and how will the money be spent? Please be as comprehensive as possible:</p> <p>Phase 1 initial administration plus software and single licence £2000. Phase 2 further licences and evaluation to feedback £3000.</p> <p>Pershore college are contributing staff time to the implementation and evaluation of the project.</p> <p>Total bid over 2 phases £5,000</p>
11	<p>Which students/courses are involved:</p> <p>Initially Animal Welfare and Veterinary Nursing within Warks College, leading to roll out Horticulture, Equine Agriculture and Countryside Management HE courses.</p>
12	<p>Are other colleges in the network involved in the project in any way:</p> <p>HE qualifications are awarded by UW</p>
13	<p>Explain how the outcomes of the project will meet the LLN guidelines:</p> <p>Rapid move from paper based to interactive materials in support of teaching and learning to develop an e learning ethos in staff and learners.</p> <p>To allow wider access routes for learners via potential for distance and remote learning.</p> <p>Roll out of learning process across faculty to inform further developments at Faculty and College level.</p> <p>Opportunity for other institutions to reflect on materials and value of software following use as part of Beacon College status.</p>
14	<p>What are the main risk factors and how will you plan for these:</p> <p>Limitations to staff time – timetable accordingly, direct management support.</p> <p>Inadequate software – reflect on appropriateness after phase one, continue if successful, cease and investigate other options if unsuccessful.</p> <p>Limited uptake by students – plan for use within one programme area, with support of personal and module tutors.</p>
15	<p>How will you disseminate the findings:</p> <p>Cross faculty Higher Education Team meeting, circulation of minutes of meetings, respond to learner voice.</p> <p>Publish in College journals. Circulate finding via HE forum meetings</p> <p>Presentations at LLN e-learning events</p> <p>Case study of good practise to go on LLN website.</p> <p>Sample taster materials developed through implementation of the project to go onto Wider Horizons portal.</p>

16 General comments and any further information you think might support your bid:

One of the concerns of landbased staff and managers is the opportunity for staff to spend valuable time converting their existing resources to provide a positive impact on learners into interactive format.

By developing a positive reflection on this process from staff, and gaining feedback from learners an ethos of the supportive and encouraging nature of learning electronically is hoped to encourage an ethos of developing further materials in this format.

As we have no practical experience of the software we prefer a phased bid to allow opportunity for reflection and change.