### Learning space design: Let's be creative!

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Half day. Maximum participants 30. This workshop is designed to be fun and is open to anyone with an interest in learning space design (e.g. Tutors, managers, learners, IT support staff, librarians, learning resource staff, learning technologists, L&T support staff, estates, researchers ... sorry if I have missed you off this list, you are still most welcome!)

#### **Objectives**

This workshop introduces participants to a creative visioning technique that is particularly effective in the design of technology-rich learning spaces that meet the requirements of the 21C learner and learning providers.

#### **Activities**

Designing spaces that enable tutors and learners to challenge their existing assumptions and expectations requires us to be open to creating new kinds of spaces – ones that work in new ways and stimulate new insights. We need to be creative – do things differently in order to gain some extra value. Everyone can be creative and the use of a creative visioning technique can stimulate a different way of thinking.

The workshop starts with an introduction to planning and designing technology learning spaces, and a discussion on creativity. This sets the scene for the creative visioning exercise with participants working collaboratively in small groups to design an innovative learning space based upon a (supplied) scenario using techniques that stimulate the imagination. The workshop concludes with groups sharing their designs.

# About the presenter

As a Senior Advisor with JISC infoNet, Jacquie's portfolio includes the management of a project trialling collaborative technologies for BCE, as well as leading on the service's e-Portfolio, Learning Spaces and other e-Learning-related activities. She has over 20 years experience in FE and HE; teaching Systems Analysis and Design, and Expert Systems, being a University Teaching and Learning Advisor, and was a member of the team that implemented Blackboard in the university. Jacquie is a certified Prince 2 and MSP Practitioner.

This workshop has been conducted at RSC West Midlands, RSC Eastern, RSC South East, RSC South West, RSC Northern Ireland, RSC East Midlands, RSC London/AoC, COSCOL, ECDL 2007 (Libraries in the digital age), Northumbria Support Conference 2008, and ALT-C 2007.

#### References

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