

Abstract for Theme 5: Advanced Technologies and Services

Title: 'Fingertip Learning is going mobile'

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Background: Every decade or so, education and learning technology gets a new boost — a new medium through which it can inform, communicate, interact, empower, and enlighten. The last decade was about a deluge of web-based training, virtual conferences and classrooms, LMSs, LCMSs and e-learning standards being typical examples. Now, learning is making another leap of faith into the technologies of wireless mobile devices and applying them to social learning experiences.

Presentation: Drawing on recent case studies from Epic's range of corporate, public sector and education projects with experience of using mobile, wireless devices as part of their delivery solutions, this presentation will demonstrate and reflect upon the experiences gained. It will also explore the experiences around the world for some of the most innovative and creative applications,

The presentation will also highlight some ideas and approaches that explore how to harness the behaviours of learners in using search engines and social software to create effective learning experiences. It will illustrate how great learning experiences can be derived from blended learning that encompasses a range of informal and social learning techniques and technologies. For example, drawing together what makes good practice in the use of:

- Wikis, blogs and other collaborative tools
- Search engines
- RSS engines
- Rapid development tools

The presentation will draw some conclusions on how fingertip learning is impacting on learning and education today and how it is changing the approach to interactive design and production techniques.

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