

Announcing the Seventh



e-Assessment Question

Conference and Exhibition

**Using Technology to
Assess and Support Learning**

Focus for 2009 – the Human Aspect

Novotel St Pancras London

**18th March 2009 – The Human Aspects of e-Assessment
19th March 2009 – Accessibility and Inclusion**

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Day One 18th March 2009 – The Human Aspects

- 0930 **Opening Plenary Session**, Chair: Colin Deal, Examware
Opening Key Note Address and responses will look at the strategic and policy issues underpinning the expansion of e-Assessment and the expectations of users.
- 1110 **Multiple Streams with delegate choice**
Stream 1: The awarding body perspective gives the opportunity for a range of Awarding Bodies to discuss the issues they faced when taking up the gauntlet of e-Assessment, how they have managed the process and the challenges they still face.
Stream 2: Innovation and developing delivery. The new technology provides exciting opportunities and this stream will examine how organisations have used the technologies to enhance learning and teaching.
Stream 3: The “What is e-Assessment Seminar?”
- 1245 **Lunch**
- 1345 **Plenary Session on Meeting Expectations**
This stream will look at how the tools and techniques of e-Assessment are used with different learner groups and educational institutions to engage with the learners, teachers, trainers and administrators to support learning and provide effective and efficient assessment vehicles
- 1520 **Plenary Session on Innovation and People**
The conference is about people, but innovation and new technology is changing the goal posts every day, the impact of those changes, and the subject of change management is the focus of this the final plenary session of the day.

Day Two 19th March 2009 – Accessibility and Inclusion

- 0930 **Setting the Scene**, Chair Kim Catcheside, BBC Radio 4, Education Correspondent
Legislation, the enshrinement of rights and increasing social awareness and justice are ensuring that the expectation of inclusion and the unacceptability of exclusion are providing a challenge where organisations, educational bodies and individuals have to meet those expectations effectively.
- 1100 **What the Learners and Users need**
This stream will hear from learners and providers - expectations and opportunities, obstacles and challenges that have been thrown up in a series of presentations from those directly involved.
- 1230 **Lunch**
- 1330 **Using the technology**
Tackling these problems head on as both suppliers and users has led to some significant challenges and innovations and this session will try to examine some of the solutions, the lessons learned and the impact of those solutions.
- 1515 **Quo Vadis?**
The final session of the day, and the conference, will look to the future, where are we heading, what do we need to be aware of, what do we need to be wary of?
Closing remarks from Chair

Speakers Include

Simon Ball, *JISC TechDis*; Gavin Busuttill-Reynaud, *AlphaPlus Consultancy*; Geoff Chapman, *Prometric*; David Colvin, *Ace Centre*; Gavin Cooney, *learnosity*; Patrick Craven, *Cambridge Assessment*; R Dhirendra, *Eduquity*; Isabel Nisbet, *Acting Chief Executive Ofqual (KEYNOTE SPEAKER)*; Prof. Stephen Gomez, *University of Plymouth*; Graham Hudson, *DRS*; Ann Jakins and Nick Falk *Sackville School*; Geraldine Kenney-Wallace, *City and Guilds*; Professor Don Mackenzie, *University of Derby*; Niel Mclean, *Becta*; Professor Richard Noss, *Institute of Education*; Paul Nisbet, *University of Edinburgh*; Che Osborne, *BTL*; Ben Partridge, *I4Learning*; Denis Saunders, *Calibrand*, Matt Wingfield, *TAG Learning*; John Winkley, *AlphaPlus Consultancy*

Who should attend?

Awarding Bodies and Assessment Providers. Sector Skills Councils. Central Government agencies and Local Authorities. Senior managers in Schools, Colleges and Training Providers. Education, Training and Qualification Policy Makers. System Providers. e-Learning and Vocational Qualification Specialists. Publishers. Human Resource Directors and Managers. Training and CPD Managers.

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The Conference

A broad range of learning, training and study is now assessed using technology. The scope and coverage grows each year

- The tools and techniques in the marketplace are becoming increasingly sophisticated and traditional doubts and barriers are being overcome.
- A number of large scale qualifications are using e-assessment and considerable experience is being gained in education, training and industry.
- There is an increasing expectation by students, employees, assessors and government that the technology will be available to use in a secure, robust and fit for purpose manner.
- The e-Assessment Question has become the key event for discussing all the issues surrounding the practical application of technology in testing and assessment. The impressive attendance of the last six years and the wide range of speakers and exhibitors present has shown that there is real interest from the classroom to the workplace in the use of e-Assessment.

The first six annual e-Assessment-Question events were extremely successful international conferences and exhibitions. We are proud that they achieved their goal of offering practical guidance and advice about e-Assessment and computer based testing systems and have played a significant role in:

- Raising awareness
- Bringing people together to discuss e-assessment issues
- Providing a forum for discussion

The 2009 conference promises to be equally as challenging as previous events. For the first time this year we will spend a full day addressing the issue of accessibility and inclusion in e-assessment.

Day One, Wednesday 18th March 2009 – The Human Aspect of e-Assessment

e-Assessment, the use of technology to assess skills, knowledge, understanding and competency, is underpinning a revolution in the use of ICT in the classroom and the workplace. Day One of the e-Assessment Question 2009 will focus on the human elements of these developments from the impact on the learner, the impact on teachers, trainers and managers, to the design and implementation of robust and fit for purpose assessment. In this age of the internet and to a generation raised since the birth of the computer, the web, games, social networking and global telecommunications, e-assessment should come as a natural part of the education and training landscape. Incorporated in the day's programme will be the 'What is e-Assessment' Seminar for Schools.

Day Two, Thursday 19th March 2009 – Accessibility and Inclusion

All organisations are facing the challenge of ensuring that education and training is accessible to as wide a range of learners as possible. The issues faced in widening participation, whether from language, culture and migration issues or from obligations under the Disability Discrimination Act, are widely seen as difficult to address. The process of providing a successful learning programme and designing appropriate assessment tools is being addressed by a range of organisations from schools and colleges to awarding bodies and HE.. Day Two of the 2009 e-Assessment Question conference focuses on the issues surrounding assessment in these circumstances and how technology can help to address the challenges and provide new opportunities.

The 2009 conference will again feature a morning seminar devoted to the introduction of e-assessment into schools. With an increasing number of Awarding Bodies introducing e-assessment into GCSE and other qualifications, the new Diploma and Functional Skills, e-assessment will become a key IT development for schools in the next 2 to 3 years. This dedicated seminar will explore these developments and how schools and Local authorities can begin preparing for the future.

Book separately for this seminar or for the whole conference. Full details at: www.e-assessment-question.co.uk

Delegates may book for the whole conference or for each day, depending on their interests. School and Local Authority staff may also book the "What is e-Assessment?" seminar separately.

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OR

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e-Assessment Seminar for Schools and LA's []

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£475 per delegate for attendance on both days plus VAT at the prevailing rate.

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£190 per delegate per day plus VAT at the prevailing rate.

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Fees cover attendance at all sessions, refreshments and conference documentation.

Accommodation: Overnight accommodation is not included in the registration fee. A list of local hotels is available. Contact the e-Assessment-Question on +44 (0) 1487 710856 or Email: info@e-assessment-question.co.uk

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