Learning Technologies

Online learning, E-Learning or Information Learning Technology (ILT) are all terms used for technology that is used to teach, communicate and manage learning. This includes computers and the technology that connects computers together, in particular email and the internet as well as digital cameras, camcorders, projectors, iPods, tablets and smart phones. Technology can be used in many and varied ways to enhance the learning experience and help learners to engage.

The Skills and Employment Service is committed to supporting the innovative use of ILT to transform learning and teaching.

The full ILT Policy can be found online on the Cheshire West and Chester website, under the Skills and Employment Policies and Procedures section.

E-Learning is about embracing technology as a tool or resource to enhance the learning experience. The benefits of using technology include:

- Improving retention and satisfaction – learners can catch up on missed sessions

- Developing self-confident learners who take responsibility for their own learning

- Learners having access to more than one point of view by being signposted to resources available on the World Wide Web

- Learners can be more creative

- It extends learning outside the classroom

- It widens participation and everyone can be included

Use technology to improve sessions

- To differentiate learning materials

- To allow learners to study in their own time and at their own pace

- Using a digital camera or camcorder to record learners work for assessment purposes

- To meet the needs of different learning styles

- To allow learners to revise what has been covered by using reinforcement activities

- Learners can be encouraged to support each other using email, message boards etc

- Using innovative software and apps e.g. padlet, soctative etc.

- By signposting learners to appropriate websites

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