TURTLE

Teaming Università Roma Tre with Leicester for E-learning

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Aims

• To be aware of the concept of the Media Zoo at the Beyond Distance Alliance and the key drivers for our projects
• To generate some ideas for collaboration on future bids and consider next steps
University of Leicester

• Largest number of PG distance students in UK.
• The leading university in the UK for student satisfaction (campus-based students)
• Learning Innovation Strategy
• The first university in the UK to receive the EFQUEL’s (European Foundation for Quality in E-learning) UNIQUe award.

Others:
Università di Macerata (Italy)
Universidad de Granada (Spain)
TKK Dipoli Institute (Finland)
Beyond Distance Research Alliance

• Research and development unit
• Responsibility to improve the university’s teaching, learning and student support through the innovative use of learning technologies.
• PhD in E-learning and learning technologies
• MIET (Masters in Innovative Education and Training) in preparation
• Research to practice, innovation to mainstream

Innovation Video:
http://www2.le.ac.uk/departments/beyond-distance-research-alliance
University of Leicester: Learning Innovation Strategy

Existing Students
Existing Technology

New Students
Existing Technology

Mission / Market

Present

New

Pedagogy / Technology

www.le.ac.uk/mediazoo/
DUCKLING

DUCKLING video:
http://tinyurl.com/BDRA-DUCKLING

- JISC-funded project
- Dec 2008 to Oct 2010
- Work-based distance learners in:
  - Online MA in TESOL & Applied Linguistics
  - MSc in Occupational Psychology
  - MSc in Psychology of Work
Three technologies

Podcasting

E-book readers

Second Life

http://www.flickr.com/photos/42329213@N00/1216468104/
# DUCKLING’s achievements so far

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OTTER

• Open, Transferable and Technology-enabled Educational Resources

• JISC and HEA funded project, aimed to turn existing University of Leicester teaching materials into Open Educational Materials

• One year: May 2009-April 2010

• Available at [www.le.ac.uk/oer](http://www.le.ac.uk/oer)
Why OTTER?

• Quality OERs enhance the University's image
• Quality OERs attract students
• Knowledge sharing across diverse contexts
OTTER's achievements

University of Leicester's OERs

The following departments have submitted OERs to the University of Leicester's OER repository:

- Archaeology and Ancient History
- Beyond Distance Research Alliance
- Criminology
- Education
- Genetics
- Institute of Lifelong Learning
- Law
- Media and Communications
- Politics and International Relations
- Psychology
- South African Institute for Distance Education (SAIDE)
- Staff Development Centre
- Student Support and Development Service

www.le.ac.uk/oer
The CORRE evaluation framework

Teaching material → Publicly usable teaching material → OERs

CONTENT
- Gathering
- Screening

OPENNESS
- Transformation
- Rights Clearance
- Formatting

REUSE/REPURPOSE
- Internal validation
- Release to repository
- External validation

EVIDENCE
- Tracking

27 April 2010
OER put-up and take-down guidelines
### Possible collaboration?

Activity: Which of the technologies (2\textsuperscript{nd} column) and ‘drivers’ (listed in the top row) do you think would be most viable for a collaborative project?

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- Tree of Life drawing created by Rod Angood
- Smiling otters image courtesy of foshie on Flickr
Extra slides
The 5-stage e-tivity model
The Media Zoo in Second Life

SWIFT: http://tinyurl.com/BDRA-SWIFT (2:32)

Sports Day:
http://www.youtube.com/user/bdraprojects#p/u/3/Gubz67oniuQ (3.45)

SL Party:
http://www.youtube.com/user/bdraprojects#p/u/4/jCBdTDC3gOQ (3.25)

The Media Zoo and Second Life video:
www.tinyurl.com/mediazoo-SL
Second Life clips on YouTube

- **Buying and selling a car in Second Life**
  (Languagelab.com)
- **Evacuating an oil rig in Second Life**
  (Beyond Distance Research Alliance, University of Leicester)
- **Second Life party**
  (Beyond Distance Research Alliance, University of Leicester)