Networked Learning Communities

learning from each other	learning with each other	learning on behalf of each other

1st Annual Conference
From networking to networked learning

Your Invitation

26 – 27 June 2003
Hilton Birmingham Metropole

NCSL National College for School Leadership

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By September 2003, there will be in excess of 100 Networked Learning Communities in England. In 1500 schools around the country, pupils, teachers, learning assistants and school leaders, researchers and facilitators, LEA officers and university staff are coming together voluntarily to discover what it means to work smarter together rather than harder alone. They are learning with, from and on behalf of each other to improve education for all young people in all our schools.

Across the programme, networked learning is being realised. Networks are developing interdependent, school-to-school learning processes and, through the conference, these processes will be made visible.

This conference is designed to show and celebrate the extraordinary degree to which Networked Learning Communities are challenging established understandings about what is possible in schools and are creating new opportunities and new horizons which are aspirational, inspirational and motivating for all those involved and for other partners of the programme.

There will be five strands of activity during both days of the conference:

1 Network Seminars

Themed workshops and symposia where presenters share processes and outcomes from their first year's experiences of networked learning.

Themes will include:

- leadership development
- school-to-school strategies
- networked learning for pupils
- building capacity within schools and networks.

2 Network-to-Network Discussions

Chaired by Networked Learning Group facilitators and programme leaders, these discussions will provide an opportunity to explore areas of high challenge and innovation in networked learning. Network-to-network groups will come together to problem-solve and generate creative solutions on behalf of colleagues within and beyond the programme.

Issues will include:

- schools in challenging circumstances
- recruitment and retention
- using data in new and powerful ways
- involving 'hard to reach' colleagues
- optimising partnerships.

3 Learning Focus Exhibition

Networks are producing a wide range of high quality resources through their activities. The exhibition space will create a 'market place' for discovering and exchanging network resources, ideas and artefacts. All networks will contribute to this area. Partner organisations, publishers and friends of the programme will also exhibit here.

4 Keynote Speakers

The programme is situated in fields of knowledge rich in innovation and exciting approaches. Keynotes from Professor David Hargreaves (26 June) and Heather Du Quesnay (27 June) will inspire us and enrich the learning of the conference by contextualising and underpinning network contributions.

5 The Learning Exchange

Knowledge management is a key area of learning for the programme. In this part of the conference we will create opportunities to explore new ways of communicating and collaborating, supported by exciting ICT solutions. Talk2Learn hot seats and brainstorms will provide opportunities to participate before and after the event itself.

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Further Information

- The conference takes place over 26-27 June 2003 and up to six places will be offered to each network for one of the two days. Each day has been structured so that it can be attended individually.

- On the evening of the 26 June there will be a complementary conference dinner, including a contribution from a guest speaker.

- Networks are asked to contribute to the Learning Focus Exhibition on the day they attend the event. Co-leaders will be contacted shortly to discuss this and other contributions to the programme.

Outline Programme
(26 & 27 June 2003)

0900	Registration and coffee
	Welcome and keynote input
	Network seminars
	Network-to-network discussions
	The learning exchange
	Lunch
	Learning focus exhibition
	Network seminars
	Network-to-network discussions
	The learning exchange
	Coffee
	Learning focus exhibition
	Network seminars
	Network-to-network discussions
	The learning exchange
1700	Informal networking
	Learning focus exhibition
	N.B. Conference closes at
	1600hrs on 27 June
1900	Conference dinner and
	guest speaker (26 June only)

How to Register

If you are from a Networked Learning Community...
You will need to complete the online registration form at
www.ncsl.org.uk/nlc

Please remember that six places have been allocated to each network for either 26 or 27 June. Please contact your co-leader before you register.

If you are not part of a Networked Learning Community...
There are a number of places available for guests on both days of the conference. If you would like to attend as a guest, please contact the conference hotline on **01564 797620**

If you have any queries regarding the conference, please contact the conference hotline on **01564 797620**

Please note: RS Live has been appointed to manage this conference on behalf of the Networked Learning Group.

Networks can register online now at www.ncsl.org.uk/nlc - Conference hotline 01564 797620

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