eCollege Moodle for Teachers

This course has been designed to provide further education teachers, the tools to partly deliver their course in an online environment, or aid classroom teaching, learning, and assessment.

Moodle is a free and open-source Learning Management System (LMS) that provides teachers with ways to teach, interact-with, and examine their students through a web-based platform.

Benefits of Moodle:

- It is fun and engaging for students
- Reduces workload for teachers
- Notes, slides, videos, and other learning material can be easily shared
- Many kinds of tests and quizzes can be shared and automatically corrected
- Assignments can be issued, submitted by students, and easily corrected - all on the site
- Everything is stored, so notes can be reused
- Communication with learners is automatically saved
- There are features to encourage group work and communication between students
- All work that learners do on the platform is logged, making it easy to track their progress

Moodle can be used as a useful tool for classroom teaching. It can be used in conjunction with classroom techniques for 'blended learning' or a 'flipped classroom', or can be used to create a completely online course. Moodle can be used to aid any course, but it's greatest asset is when teaching a course or subject for the second time; all previous work (such as the course design, content creation, assignments, tests etc.) can be reused.

Course Content:

Getting Started
Introduces you to the course

Why Moodle?
See many of the benefits and possibilities of using Moodle

Settings and Navigation
How to make your way around Moodle as a teacher and add content

Moodle Resources
Learn to share notes, slides, links, pages and videos

Assessment Activities
Create a reusable quiz that is corrected automatically, and a reusable assignment which can be submitted and corrected online

Moodle Activities
Share interactive tutorials, create reusable questionnaires to get valuable information from students, create an interactive glossary, and create an activity so that learners can collaborate online.

Communications
Use the Announcements Forum to share news and information with students, create customisable Forums where students can ask questions or collaborate, and use Moodle Messaging or chat features.

Monitoring Progress
Create clearly monitored progression paths, monitor the content that students have viewed and completed, and monitor results of quizzes and assignments.

FET Resources
Familiarise yourself with the resources available to ETB teachers, and access teaching resources through Moodle.

During the course, learners will receive:

- All course content
- Assignments and quizzes to test your knowledge
- A practice course, in which you can familiarise yourself with Moodle
- Teacher support
- A Moodle badge (upon completion of the course)

Course Duration: This course is delivered online and on-demand. It is self-paced and, as a result, the time taken to complete it may vary. However, indicated times are:

> **Video-content length:** Approximately 2 hours

> **Estimated time to complete the course:** Approximately 30 hours (variable)

How do you register for a course on eCollege?

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1. Name
2. Centre Name
3. Centre Address
4. Email address
5. Full names of eCollege course(s) you wish to join; in this case, *eCollege Moodle for Teachers*

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