

How E-Learning within Teacher Education might develop? A case study of the ELATE Project

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Aims

- (1) Develop an e-Learning programme to support trainee and practicing teachers in the context of the introduction of Universal Secondary Education
- (2) Create web and CD-ROM based teacher-support materials in: mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, English, geography, history, computer studies (with some cross-curricular content)
- (3) Train the trainees to disseminate the materials and new practices among teachers during their school practice
- (4) Produce an action research programme and research outputs to inform the future development of e-learning, especially in large classes where resources are limited

To embed the work in a new "Centre for E-Learning".

This presentation focuses on points (1) and (2) above

ELATE strategy

Focusing on what will be useful to teachers when they are coming to a subject for the first time

- Syllabuses
- Exam papers
- Schemes of work
- Lesson plans
- Sources of information (useful books, other sources, selected web links)
- Activities (enquiry-based pedagogies)

Traditional + new pedagogies

- Worksheets (with answers & suggestions)
- Interpreting text, data & graphs
- Data collection and analysis (Excel)
- Simple simulations
- Science experiments
- Decision-making role plays

Activities will have meaning to students here in Uganda – e-Learning is flexible and can be tailored to local needs. <[Link to ELATE website](#)>

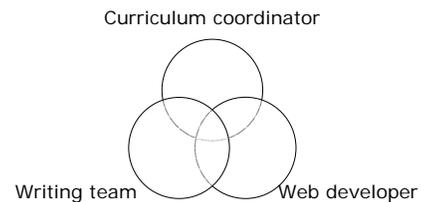
Resource setting

Uganda has a relatively under-resourced school system, with limited supplies of appropriate books, but it is embracing micro-technology as rapidly as it has taken to the mobile phone.

How teachers will access our materials:

- (1) Online at home and in Internet cafés.
- (2) In the several hundred schools that already have computers and many more in the future (on CD-ROM if they have no Internet access, maybe on paper?)
- (3) Trainees will use them within their courses (open content can be used by all training establishments and schools)

Mode of development



Stakeholder involvement

- Subject experts
 - practicing teachers
 - Authors and publishers
 - NCDC: National Curriculum Development Centre
 - UNEB: Uganda National Examinations Board
- Consultation with U-Connect, SchoolNet, MOES: Ministry of Education and Science
- University academics