



JANET Collaboration Service

Project Board Meeting

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Agenda

- 11:00 Welcome and Introductions, *Robert Symberlist, Chair*
- 11:20 **Service Specification and discussion**, *Tim Boundy*,
- 12:20 *Lunch*
- 13:00 **Prototype Development**, *Ben Whitnall, Delib*
- 13:45 *Break for Tea/coffee*
- 14:00 **Pilot Strategy and discussion**, *Tim Boundy*,
- 14:50 Summary
- 15:00 Close



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Overview and Specification

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The aim of the Collaboration Service is to enable those in education to find

- 1) others with similar educational interests, leading to educational collaboration
- 2) opportunities for collaboration, especially live educational content being delivered by videoconference
- 3) associated educational resources, e.g. best practice, projects, lesson plans.



Project

A prototype will provide a focus for piloting and discussion.

If the prototype is successful this could lead to the full specification, funding and development of the collaboration service.

Scope

The prototype will be available to educators, researchers and support staff in schools, colleges and universities in the UK and overseas, as well as content providers.



Project Timeline

Progress to date

Oct - Nov 06	Specification Produced
Dec 06	Tender process - Delib selected
Jan 07	Development of the Prototype
Feb 07	Wireframes and Designs

Future milestones

End April 07	Prototype delivery to UKERNA
May 07	Prototype Launch
Q3/4	Specification of Production Service



Members will be able to

- search for other members with similar interests
- send a message to another member, inviting collaboration
- offer or request, search for and join “opportunities” for collaboration.
- create and take part in personal groups, forums and wikis



Service Specification

Registration
and Login

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Members'
Profiles

Members' Profiles

Catalogue of
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Search

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Collaboration
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Collaboration Tools

Administrator
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Administration Functions

Other
Developments

Other Developments



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Developments

- No authentication for the prototype
- Login using email and password
- 3-step registration
 - JVCS endpoints available to select
 - Institution fields populated by Edubase
- Simplified registration for JVCS users
- JVCS links to allow cross registration
- Phase 2 - Shibboleth enabled full service



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- My Details
 - Inbox
 - History of activity with opportunities and members
- Profile
 - Interests
 - Technology available for collaboration
 - Presence indicator



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- Any member can offer an opportunity
- Offer or Request
- Closed to groups or open to all
- Specify time, date, technology
- Open-ended (e.g. “be my pen pal” or Law course available)
- Extra instructions, links, images, files
- Language option



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- One Search box to give results from opportunities, members, wikis, forums, groups, news
- Sort results by attribute columns
- Curriculum Categories to link with opportunities



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- Groups
 - Group space
- Forums
- Wikis
- Messaging system (forward to email)
- Phase 2 – Chat, Class Login, Shared Whiteboard, links to VoIP and SMS



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Developments

- Approve membership
- Edit any content
- Edit and post news stories
- Request reports on use of the service



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Developments

- Downloadable tools for external systems
 - Toolbar
 - Search function applet
 - Desktop Icon
- Links to JVCS Booking Service



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Pilot Strategy Discussion

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Discussions of Strategy

- Raising awareness and promotional activities
 - Existing Networks
 - Publications and newsletters
 - Awareness events, national and regional
 - Other marketing techniques



Discussions of Strategy

- Encouraging use across the sectors in the UK
 - HE/FE
 - Schools
 - Content Providers
 - National
 - MLA
 - England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales
- European and international involvement



Discussions of Strategy

- System Testing and Review
 - Monitoring use
 - User groups tests
 - Education policy/strategy study