



Access e-learning

What is e-learning?

E-learning is any learning that is delivered using technology. While typically involving a computer linked to the internet, it can include using a DVD or CD, content on your mobile phone or even listening to downloaded lessons on your iPod.

What are the benefits of e-learning?

Most people will find they can get something out of e-learning. Well designed e-learning can include videos, sounds and animations to get information across, and may use quizzes and tasks to allow you to check understanding. Some of the reasons people like e-learning are because it:

- gives a very impersonal assessment of answers;
- can be done at the learners own speed;
- can mean it is easy to revisit subjects whenever suits;
- can be done at a time to suit the learner;
- can be accessed in a range of places;
- doesn't feel like learning;
- is available in a wide variety of subjects.

Where is it possible to access e-learning supported by learndirect scotland?

There are 3 different ways of accessing e-learning supported by learndirect scotland.

1. Branded learning centre network

Learning bytes and learning bytes for business can be accessed through branded learning centres. There are over 650 online learning courses covering a wide range of interests and skills.

Branded learning centres combine a number of short e-learning courses to form clusters in the following topics: Care, Construction, Creativity, Return to Study, Return to Work, Teleskills, Time Management and Tourism and for the following sectors: Construction Sector, Financial Sector, Food & Drink Sector and the Tourism Sector. Some clusters attract ILA Scotland funding.

Learning for Jobs helps organisations identify clusters of e-learning and gives recommendations on how to support employability. General employability resources have been developed, with specific resources relating to young people not in employment and education or training and school age learners.

2. e-learning CD-Roms

There are 3 e-learning CD-Roms available free of charge from learndirect scotland in the following subjects:

e-learning games – 5 simple fun games to introduce people to using a computer.

The Urban Avenger – to introduce people to the subjects of debt and budgeting in relation to their lives and setting up a home.

Voluntary Management Committee – targeting staff and Management Committee Members, enabling them to learn the roles and responsibilities of a committee member and the financial responsibilities.

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- can provide a small number of e-learning courses to an organisation to allow them to trial e-learning as part of their staff training and development. The organisation would then be put in contact with a local branded learning centre.

Is there other e-learning provided in Scotland?

Other e-learning is available in Scotland - information about this can be found by contacting learndirect scotland's advice line on 0808 100 9000.

How can an organisation work in partnership with learndirect scotland to introduce e-learning?

The development of an e-learning programme will depend on a number of things including looking at who is the target audience and what facilities and what support is available from the organisation. Discussing options with learndirect scotland staff will help an organisation assess what might be appropriate for their organisation.

If an organisation wishes to look at e-learning for staff development purposes contact learndirect scotland for business 08456 000 111 and a training partner will be in contact to discuss.

If an organisation wishes to look at e-learning to work with excluded individuals contact learndirect scotland partnership team – Inclusion 0141 285 6000, or partnership@learndirectscotland.com.