

Learning Platforms

Who is this service for?

Identified learning providers in the Learning and Skills sector in the North East, comprising FE Colleges, Specialist Colleges, Adult and Community Learning and Work Based Learning.

What service is available to you?

Advice and support from a specialist advisor who works as part of a team offering a wide range of skills. With respect to VLEs and e-learning platforms, an advisor can offer a personal visit to discuss your needs, which may include:

- Choosing a learning platform.
- The deployment and roll-out of a learning platform.
- Content creation, integration and accessibility.
- Effective course design structure.
- Use of collaborative tools such as forums and wikis.
- Learning platform interoperability with provider systems.
- Integration with relevant tools, resources and materials.
- Advice on student activity and assessment tracking.

RSC Northern facilitates regular forums to explore the pedagogical and technical aspects of using learning platforms. This provision will appeal to users of a wide range of VLEs and intranets and will draw upon regional and national expertise for information, discussion and dissemination. Resulting from a rapid uptake and interest in open source platforms, user support is available for specific platforms such as Moodle.

Support is offered relating to the use and appropriateness of VLEs for teaching and learning, as well as developmental issues pertaining to accessibility, network security and learning platform administration. Information is also disseminated through webinars, podcasts, the RSC Northern website and regular e-digests.

Your RSC's programme of events and forums include content presented by experts. Not only does this ensure all information presented is of interest, but it also provides an excellent opportunity to share ideas, problems and solutions.

How will you benefit?

We can provide advice, guidance and resources to help you create courses in your VLE. We can provide links to course templates and examples of good practice. We can refer you to practitioners in the region with specific expertise and technical skills.

What do you have to provide?

Simply stay in touch with us. We aim to be your first port of call for advice and guidance. Support for learning platforms is tailored to suit your individual needs and strategic plans.

What does it cost?

The services we offer to RSC Northern supported providers are free of charge. There may be a charge for special events.

What are the advantages of using RSC Northern?

Using the services of your RSC Northern advisor will enable you to draw on informed, independent expertise based on knowledge, skills and effective practice elsewhere.

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