

Thematic Workshop Information:

LivEducation 2: How Virtual Learning Environment (Web 2.0) Empowers Gifted Learners

Course Code	Date and Time	Target Group
TW/CI/041112	05 July 2011 (Tuesday) 9:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (3 hours)	Primary and secondary school teachers
Medium of Instruction	Cantonese supplemented with English	

Venue : Rm E418, 4/F., East Block, Education Bureau, Kowloon Tong Education Services Centre, 19 Suffolk Road, Kowloon Tong

Speaker and Facilitator : Mr. Peter Woodhead
Head of Learning Technologies, German Swiss International School
: Mr. Patrick Hak Chung Lam
Associate Director, The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education

Course Description : This workshop provides the participants with the insights of virtual learning environment with Web 2.0 technologies as one of the means to empower high-ability/ gifted learners in their learning. Practical strategies and examples will be shared.

Course Objectives : Upon completion of this course, participants should be able to:

1. understand virtual learning as an important means of empowering the high-ability/ gifted learners;
2. identify a spectrum of Web 2.0 technologies, ranging from learning management system to productive on-line learning platforms and tools, in order to create a fruitful virtual learning environment for the high-ability/ gifted learners;
3. recognise the principles and strategies in selecting the Web 2.0 technologies; and
4. integrate virtual learning into the curriculum or pull-out programmes for the high-ability/ gifted learners.

Course Outline :

1. The importance of virtual learning environment and Web 2.0 technologies in gifted education
 - It extends the frontier of high-ability/gifted learners' learning with the breakthrough of time, space and mode of learning
 - It can cater for diverse learning styles
 - It increases learning motivation
2. A glance at a range of Web 2.0 technology and some hands-on experiences on certain platforms

- Learning management system such as Moodle and Wikispaces
 - Learning platforms/ tools such as Wikispaces, MindMeister, VoiceThread, WordPress, Google Tools and many others
3. Identifying relevant and appropriate Web 2.0 technology with reference to the subjects, topics and nature of programmes/ activities
 4. Producing a teaching unit that applies Web 2.0 technolog(ies).
 5. Illustrating virtual learning environment with real cases

**Certificate/
CPD Hours** : Certificate of Participation and 3 CPD hours will be awarded to all participants

Course Fee : Free of Charge (Funded by The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education)

**Registration
Information** : Please apply **online** from the website of The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education at http://hkage.org.hk/en/tz_programmes.html

Registrant is required to obtain approval from his/her principal or supervisor of the school/organisation to attend this course by submitting a signed “**Nomination Form**” to the HKAGE through fax or email in order to complete the registration process.

The “Nomination Form” will pop-up after submission of the online registration form by registrant. The same form will also be sent to the registrant via email as a reminder.

**Deadline for
Registration** : [23 June 2011 \(Thu\) 5:00 p.m.](#)
Registrants will be notified of the outcome by **28 June 2011 (Tue)** through email. If nominees do not receive our notification, please contact us at [3698 4025](tel:36984025).

**Contact
Person** : Mr. Chan (registration)
Tel: 3698 4025 or Email: tpd@hkage.org.hk

Remarks : 1. ALL online applications should be nominated and approved by the school authority/organisation. Prior application is required and walk-ins will NOT be entertained.

2. Applicants please check the enrollment results via their email accounts registered with The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education.

3. The course organiser reserves the right to reject those applications without submitting sufficient data.

4. The course organiser will take video and photos of the activities during the course. The photos and materials taken may be used in print and electronic publications by the course organiser for educational purpose.

5. Car park arrangement: No car parks will be provided at venue. Please park at nearby car parks.

Brief Introduction to Speaker:

Peter Woodhead

Peter Woodhead is a learning design specialist who works with teachers to renovate existing schemes of work by re-purposing learning technologies to create innovative and sustainable learning activities. For most of his career he has been a senior administrator in UK secondary schools, and since his re-location to Hong Kong, he has been an ICT adviser to the English Schools Foundation and, after retirement, became an ICT teacher in an international school as well as a part time university lecturer of a MSc(ITE) course at The University of Hong Kong. He has run numerous workshops at conferences in the region and enjoys finding any excuse to be in the classroom.

Patrick Hak Chung Lam

As a reflective practitioner, Patrick Hak Chung Lam had been a school teacher and principal in primary and secondary schools for 19 years and a project manager in the Ministry of Education, New Zealand. He has conducted numerous workshops and seminars in HKU, HKIEd, local schools, China and Spain. With extensive frontline experience of Web 2.0 and virtual learning environment, he also shares his educational insight and experience through contributing papers to international conferences and journals. He is currently the Associate Director of The Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education and a Doctor of Education candidate at The University of Hong Kong.

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