ACL update No 4

Dear All, thank you for all that you are doing we know that these are challenging times. We have more courses being prepared for delivery which is good news, and others in the pipeline. It is really encouraging that so many are thinking how best to engage with learners.

You will find below information on online delivery, as well as resources that might be useful for you, your team and learners, please do share what you think is relevant to your contacts.

Please do contact us if you need anything else.

Keep safe and well

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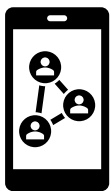
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Online delivery:

Online-classrooms from yawn to yay: This **article** is written by Esther Barrett, Digital Practice specialist at Jisc. She reflects on how the coronavirus pandemic has prompted an overnight change in the way we work. In our temporary new world we are finding different ways to engage with our colleagues and learners. She shares tips and tricks on how we can make our online sessions more interactive, when often it can be hard work.

SET have pulled together a range of resources to help tutors deliver online

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Zoom security – please see attached guidance which advises on improved Zoom security should you be using this as a platform for delivery.

- **Information about addition of Waiting Room and Password features** - https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/360041408732-April-2020-Setting-updates-for-free-accounts-and-single-Pro-users
Summary - "On April 4, 2020, Zoom will enable the Waiting Room feature and require additional password settings for all Basic users on free accounts and accounts with a single licensed user, including K-12 education accounts who have the 40-minute limit temporarily waived. The new password requirements apply to both meetings and webinars."
- **How to Keep Uninvited Guests Out of Your Zoom Event** - https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/20/keep-uninvited-guests-out-of-your-zoom-event/

- **Best Practices for Securing Your Virtual Classroom -** https://blog.zoom.us/wordpress/2020/03/27/best-practices-for-securing-your-virtual-classroom/

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50 AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES collated by Amazing Apprenticeships. Some of the ideas included are also suitable for younger people so if you are home teaching pick up some ideas.

All things Digital

This week the government launched The Skills Toolkit , which allows adults to access free, high quality online courses whilst at home. This will enable them to build new skills and help boost growth and productivity. The Skills Toolkit is available to everyone and consists of digital and numeracy courses, ranging from basic to more advanced levels. These are skills that are sought after for many types of jobs, with 82% of job vacancies requiring digital skills.

Supporting learners with additional needs

The University of Glasgow, with assistance from colleagues at Lancaster University, the University of Oxford and the University of Warwick, have published a series of guided self-help booklets developed to support people with mild to moderate learning/intellectual disabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Gov skills and employment support sites - Supporting learners with employment

Be a Work Hero - help keep Britain running

Despite the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, there are still thousands of critical jobs out there.

There are also hints and tips on applying for jobs if people haven't done it for a while. For anyone who is looking for a full or part-time job in England, Scotland or Wales – or even some temporary work during the coronavirus emergency – visit Find a Job

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Preparing for the next step in ACL

Holex have circulated a paper this week on what ACL might look like as lockdown is eased. We have attached this for your consideration.