Building Online learning Communities for Teaching and Learning, which integrate Online Multi Media.

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Introduction

Those who teach must espouse and exemplify in all their activities those values which will underpin professional life, given International, National and local technology initiatives (see Appendix 1 for Scottish initiatives) which in the next 36 months will rapidly develop the role of ICT in all areas of the profession and learning and teaching. It is essential that the teachers and their institutions develop strategies which begin to build on-line staff and student learning communities. These initiatives will enhance the quality of teaching and learning in class and lecture rooms, and provide a teaching environment where many of the new competencies required by new millenia educators in the use of ICT can be exemplified through their own teaching and learning process.