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SOCIAL MOBILE NETWORKING FOR INFORMAL LEARNING

Roundtable - 21st November 2011 - London UK

Mobility and networking are two important emerging issues. Learners and teachers, as well as workers, especially in developed countries, are continuously involved in ubiquitous relationships with other people on the net, exchanging information and sharing knowledge and skills. However, in the field of mobile learning, a great deal of emphasis has been placed on technologies and content transfer, while the potential to support community building processes through the integration with other socio-technical mechanisms such as social networks has tended to be underemphasised.

The aim of this roundtable is to explore educational and socio-cultural perspectives on the use of the increasing convergence of mobile devices and digital media for social networking in formal and informal contexts of learning. The roundtable is intended to offer a space for researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas, experiences and research on social mobile networking for informal learning. A call for paper proposals is open inviting submissions for the roundtable from potential contributors.

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Location: London, UK
Time: 9:00 - 16:00
Registration Info: Free but by invitation only. To express an interest, complete the online registration form available on the SoMobNet website. An invitation will be sent to the accepted participants (max 35)
Confirmed speakers include: Aleks Krotoski (Guardian), Gunther Kress (IoE), Sonia Livingstone (LSE), Ben Bachmair (Kassel/IoE), Beat Doebeli (Goldau), Klaus Bredl (Augsburg) and Christoph Pimmer (Basel)

Selected contributors will be invited to submit a full paper for a special issue on the topic which will be published by the end of 2012. More information is available on the SoMobNet website.

ABOUT SOMOBNET

SoMobNet (Social Mobile Networking For Informal Learning) is a capacity building network part-funded by STELLAR, the Network of Excellence on TEL funded within FP7 (see http://www.stellarnet.eu).
The SoMobNet Theme Team focuses in particular on how network-based technologies may foster the sense of community and reciprocal learning and aims to investigate the following research questions:
A How can/do mobile devices support workers' community building through social networks?
B What models of assessment are possible through new mobile devices in informal learning situations?
C How can mobile devices support workers' training between real (e.g., their office, or classroom and so on) and online contexts (e.g., social networks)?

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