

e-portfolio Pioneers

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Barry's Story






Background to Learning Assistant

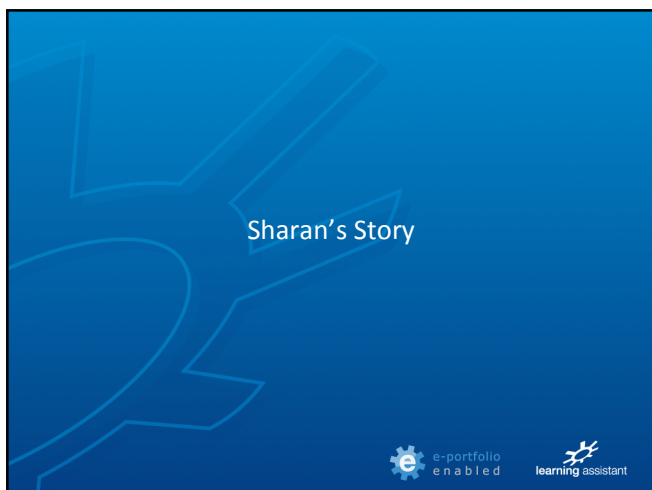
- Started in 2002, in East Kilbride
- Now over 200 centres in UK and abroad using Learning Assistant
- Hundreds of vocational qualifications
- 16,000 enrolments per year



What is Learning Assistant?





Connected –

I am always in contact with my assessor

"It has helped to be able to communicate with each other through the portfolio because I am not located on site with my learner. It saves time and reduces wasted journeys."

Jayne Hanson, Exeter City Council

"This system was fantastic as it improved communication between both of us. Through this technology I was able to keep in contact with Danielle and mark evidence and ask her to make any corrections. It was fantastic for Danielle as the flexibility meant she could work on her portfolio anywhere - even at home."

Suzanne Petrie, Anniesland College



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Convenient –

I can access my portfolio and assessor anytime, anywhere

"By introducing the Learning Assistant e-portfolio, Gillian could work at her own pace at home on an evening and weekends and submit the work for assessment. The assessor could then log on at her leisure, assess the work and give feedback on line. This proved invaluable to both parties."

Carole Wilkinson, East Riding of Yorkshire Council

"The e-portfolio was very beneficial to us as Padraic works shifts and he was able to submit his course assessments and evidence when I was not available."

Neil Conway, Diageo Ireland



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Confident –

Using the e-portfolio has improved my confidence

"Hilary has gained confidence not only in her own professional capacity but also as a learner and she has acquired ambition to further develop."

Marian Mercer, Western Health and Social Care Trust

"Whilst recognising the fact that SVQ is about assessing practice rather than literacy skills, the use of IT has shown that literacy skills can be improved too, therefore increasing confidence."

Agnes Masters, Training for Care



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Confident – (continued)

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"Benefits of the e-portfolio due to Louis's dyslexia became apparent when coupled with a digital voice recorder there was no need for additional support, thus allowing Louis to proceed at his own pace with the added confidence the system provided."

George Hedley, Scottish Power

"I am pleased to see such an increase in confidence in Jane from undertaking the qualification and am convinced that the e-portfolio has been a significant contributing factor in this."

Sarah Doyle, Bassetlaw District Council



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Simple –

My e-portfolio is well organised and easily added to

"Having this efficient and streamlined (and simple!) method of recording and communicating, helped with motivation and engagement levels for all of us involved."

Linda Robertson, Skills Development Scotland

"Learning Assistant has changed Vocational Training for the future, Online Learning/ Work based Learning is not only achievable but also enjoyable and easy to use. Thank goodness for progress!!!"

Avril Thomson, Shetland College



Visible –

I can always see where I am and what I have left to do

"The visible progress has served to increase her motivation as it has provided visual documentation of her personal and professional development as her work progressed."

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"Whenever a task was marked off with a green tick, it was amazing. This boosted confidence as Ian could see how he was progressing with his work. I feel this definitely gave him an extra boost to complete and achieve the course."

Teresa Harding, North Hertfordshire College



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