

## **ASSOCiate Online Update**

### **November 2008**

This Update gives you, the trainee teachers, e-moderators, e-mentors and teacher educators, some of the latest information about developments for ASSOCiate Online.

- **User questionnaire** – a user questionnaire is to be distributed to users in the New Year. This will be asking you about your experience of ASSOCiate Online and *OurSubject* and how it has impacted on your teaching.
- **Logging in.** If you have any problems logging in, please do not hesitate to contact us at [assoc@hud.ac.uk](mailto:assoc@hud.ac.uk).
- **OurStudent.** A new section of ASSOCiate Online is being developed to supplement *OurSubject*.
- **ASSOCiate Online PASS - Prize for ASSOCiate Online Subject Specialism.** Prizes of £50 book tokens to users are to be awarded in the Summer of 2009 according to the following criteria.

Trainees must have completed both of the following:

- Contribution to **resources**. Originality of resource in the context of the subject specialist area. Any comments and ratings made by other trainees about the resource can be taken into account by the e-moderator and the Associate Online User Group.
- Contribution to discussion **forums**. Range of contributions and information/knowledge brought to the discussion, pertinent to the subject specialist areas. Statistics (of users) will identify activity. Further details will be distributed by e-moderators.

E-Moderators will use these when making their recommendations.

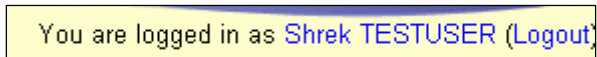
- **New membership category.** Membership to ASSOCiate Online extends to teachers as well as trainee teachers. Teachers can join as individual members and can use ASSOCiate Online to support their 30 hour CPD. In addition, as a result of a request from participants at one of our recent CPD events with the IfL, there is now a further category of organisational membership. This allows organisations to join and to include all their teachers/trainers at a discounted rate. For more details, please see the ASSOCiate Online website.
- **Professional Formation.** Don't forget that ASSOCiate Online can be used for elements of Professional Formation that have to be completed in order to achieve QTLS (Qualified Teacher Learning and Skills).
- **FE Teachers' TV.** One of our partners – West Suffolk College – is participating in a project to produce a number of video clips for FE teachers. ASSOCiate Online will have links to this as when they become available. Look out for further information in the future.
- **Teacher Educators:** Teacher Educators can access all subjects – but can only contribute to the subjects they have joined. A Teacher Educators' area is being developed at 13.1. This will be initiated in the New Year – look out for an Update on this next year.

**FAQs**

Here are a couple of FAQs to help you in your use of OurSubject:

- **How do I upload a picture?** Some users seem reluctant to upload a picture that represents them. This may be because some people are not sure how to do this. Here are a few tips.

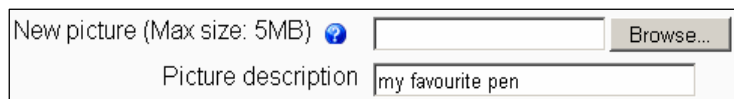
1. Login to <http://oursubject.hud.ac.uk> and click your name at the right top corner.



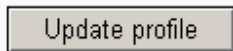
2. Then click the 'edit profile'.



3. Scroll down and find 'Picture of' section and click the browse button next to the 'New Picture' field. Select a picture of your choice from your computer and be aware of the file size limits shown at the screen. Tip: choose a small image where possible as it only appears as an icon.



4. If you like, add a 'Picture description' as well and then click the 'Update profile' button to upload the picture.



Don't forget that the picture doesn't have to be of you (if you are not happy about uploading a picture of yourself); you can make it a picture of scenery or your pet or anything else that you think would be suitable. This is much better than another yellow smiley face!

- **Where is the best place to look for suitable video clips and provide links?** Finding a suitable video clip link is proving quite difficult for some subjects. Here are a few suggestions:

[www.teachers.tv](http://www.teachers.tv)

Teachers' TV: this may have some relevant videos if your subject is similar to those offered in Schools. Make sure it is suitable for the kind of learners we have in the Lifelong Learning Sector (it may be that it is more suitable for use with younger learners only).

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

This is a very general site but has an incredible amount of video clips – and some are suitable for educational purposes.



[www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk)

Again, there is a lot here but it does change on a regular basis – you will need to visit it quite regularly but you can encourage users to do the same.

[www.bfi.co.uk](http://www.bfi.co.uk)

This is the British Film Industry web site which does include a good number of videos that are suitable for a number of subjects

[www.google.com](http://www.google.com)

If you search for education, video and then insert your subject, you should find a good number. All you have to do then is to take a look at some of them and identify suitable links.

Don't forget, if you have any queries about ASSOCiate Online or OurSubject, you can email us at [assoc@hud.ac.uk](mailto:assoc@hud.ac.uk) any time.