

PROJECT REPORT FOR OCTOBER 31 2007

Please complete and send to John (j.d.milne@massey.ac.nz) on or before October 31, 2007.

Project Title: The power of design on flexible learning and digital network literacy

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CURRENT STATUS

1. Report on milestones and if they have been meet.

List milestones due on 31 October 2007	Have you achieved them? (Yes / No)
Milestone 1 - Start of project	Yes

2. Give a brief outline of the project's progress. If a milestone has not been met provide a date that it is expected to be achieved and the action that will be taken to achieve the task. Include budgetary processes if they are an issue.

An initial meeting has been held with the team (Terry Marler and Leigh Blackall and Bronwyn Hegarty) and a plan for approaching the project brainstormed. For example, what is the research evaluation design and who will the participants be? There is more information on the project wiki at:

http://www.wikieducator.org/The_power_of_design_on_flexible_learning_and_digital_network_literacy

The following decisions were made:

- Application to be prepared and sent to Otago Polytechnic Ethics committee (achieved);
- Members of team to start looking at eLearning Guidelines case studies against three guidelines chosen for the project;
- A research assistant is to be employed to assist with compiling literature and also data collection processes and analysis;
- External person to be employed to conduct focus group interviews with DFLP course participants and also with facilitators (the project team);

- Other external networks to be investigated to make comparisons;
- Contact to be made with other project leaders – (contact made with NorthTec).

Ethics committee approval still awaited.

3. Does the project require any support?
Not at this stage.

FUTURE PLANS

4. List the milestones scheduled for completion on 28 February 2008.

Milestone 2	Exploration of exemplar case studies	28 February 2008
Milestone 2	setup of networked learning and learning community space	28 February 2008
Milestone 3	Research evaluation	30 June 2008
Milestone 3	Case study published on guidelines website	30 June 2008
Milestone 3	Completion of project	30 June 2008

5. Is the project on track to meet these milestones? If not please give a brief explanation.

Yes. Please note that milestone 2 is already completed as well.

6. Outline the three major risks and plans to mitigate them.

- a. Insufficient data from participants in the Designing for Flexible Learning Practice course to demonstrate an effective evaluation against the three guidelines.

- Have 2006 & 2007 participants to invite – they will all have completed the course by the start of data collection for the research evaluation. Will also be using data from facilitators.

b. Poor communication and contribution by all people in the research team.

- Clearly defined project plan and roles and responsibilities.
- Use of a wiki for project processes.

c. Difficulty finding a suitable research assistant for temporary position.

- Approach people we know who already have experience.
- Pay an attractive rate of remuneration.

7. Are any significant changes required to the project plan or milestones? If so give an explanation of the changes with dates of new milestones.

No.

8. Is the project on track to complete all of its objectives on June 2008? If not please give a brief explanation.

Yes so far.